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**LINER
SUNK BY
MINE**
Heavy Loss
Of Life

Athens, Jan. 19.
The Greek passenger ship "Chimarra" struck a mine and sank at 4 a.m. off the east coast of the Attica Peninsula and first reports said that 400 passengers were lost out of nearly 700 on board.

The "Chimarra," a corvette converted into a passenger vessel, was bound for Piræus, where she was due this morning.

Survivors said that the "Chimarra" struck two mines off Rafina, about 15 miles east of Athens. The port bow was blasted. Lights went out and the steamer started listing heavily to port.

No "SOS" messages could be sent out as the wireless was out of action. Out of six lifeboats, only two could be used. Some of the passengers swam ashore.

By mid-afternoon, 38 survivors had arrived in Athens, even of them seriously hurt. —Associated Press.

**Four Powers,
Four Bands,
Four Bars**

Berlin, Jan. 19.
Germany's four occupying powers held their second annual gala ball last night with dignitaries from the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and France attending.

Gallons of whiskey, gin, vodka, bourbon and champagne flowed from the four bars. Each occupying power had its orchestra.

Lt-Gen Lucius D. Clay, Deputy Military Governor of the American zone, left promptly at midnight and the other commanders left soon afterward. —United Press.

Manila, Jan. 18.
Mayon Volcano erupted for the third time within 24 hours this morning, sending a lava stream toward three villages which were being evacuated. —United Press.

**Harriman Corrects
A Bit Of History**

New York, Jan. 18.
The Secretary of Commerce and former Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. W. Averell Harriman, speaking to the National Publishers' Association last night, corrected a bit of history by affirming that Stalin wanted General Marshall to lead the invasion of Europe but that it was Roosevelt and not Winston Churchill who declined to "lend" Marshall and picked General of the Army Eisenhower.

Harriman said both Stalin and Churchill approved of Eisenhower.

This explanation by a participant at the Tehran Conference, spikes the previously published reports that Churchill refused Marshall as Supreme Commander of the combined Anglo-American invasion forces because Marshall opposed his pet project of invasion through the Balkans instead of across the Channel.

Harriman insisted that Churchill had a high regard for Marshall and afterwards frequently called him a "great soldier-statesman."

The former Ambassador said Roosevelt's refusal was based on his inability to spare Marshall from the Chief of Staff job in Washington because the United States was fighting two wars on two fronts — against Japan as well as in Europe. —United Press.

**GAMBLING DENS FLOURISH
IN HONG KONG TODAY**

Lavish Attention--Till Victim Is Plucked

**POST-WAR
APATHY**

Chicago, Jan. 18.
General Dwight Eisenhower, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, told a meeting of army and industrial leaders here last night: "We cannot permit complacency or an abject mentality to take hold in the post-war apathy."

"The interpretation of our national economy into an effective security machinery may be accomplished in thought and in plan before an emergency occurs." —Reuter.

**New Type
Plane For
U.S. Navy**

Washington, Jan. 19.
The U.S. Navy announced today a new version of the two-engine Ryan "Fireball" fighter, marking the first use of a turbine driven propeller in a Navy plane.

The new "Fireball" was described as probably in the 500-mile an hour class and having an "outstanding rate of climb." The new model has a gas turbine engine in its nose and a turbo-jet engine in the tail. The front engine uses about three-fourths of its power for the propeller and the rest as exhaust thrust.

The plane can fly on either engine alone.

An advantage of the propeller jet combination, Ryan officials said, is that it overcomes lack of flexibility in aeroplanes powered only by jets. Such planes are relatively inefficient at low speeds and usually have poor take-off characteristics.

The new "Fireball" is 36 feet long, weighs just over 10,000 lb. and has a wing span of 40 feet. —Associated Press.

**Even Beggars Are
Not Immune**

One of the most flourishing rackets in Hong Kong today is the running of gambling establishments. There are in Hong Kong, at the present time, probably more gambling establishments than at any other period in the history of the Colony.

From luxuriously furnished apartments in select residential districts to the squalor of streets in the slum areas, those who conduct the establishments are daily wrecking lives, breaking up happy homes and bringing countless people to ruin, while amassing huge fortunes in the process.

No one is immune from the temptations provided by the existence of these gambling halls—wealthy playboys, rich widows, courtesans of the idle rich, dancing girls, prostitutes, merchants, clerks, labourers, rickshaw pullers, coolies, shoeshine and newspaper boys—all are attracted to the gambling tables by the lure of easy money in much the same way as a moth is attracted to the light. Even beggars have, from time to time, been seen plunging all their takings in a vain attempt to get rich quick.

High-Class Places
All gambling establishments are readily accessible to members of the public, except in the case of the more high class places which cater to the upper strata of society.

In the case of these establishments, clients are introduced by "go-betweens" who are paid a commission on the losses of

**Sharing
Out Musso's
Fleet**

Washington, Jan. 18.
The detailed list of Italian naval vessels to be shared out between the United States, Britain and Russia and those to be retained by Italy herself has been published here for the first time, in the annex to the agreed text of the Italian peace treaty.

The list issued by the State Department has hitherto been kept a close secret to prevent sabotage by crews unwilling to hand their ships to any particular allied government.

The Naval Committee of the Foreign Ministers' Council which drew up the list in New York has still to decide together with the Big Four Governments which nation shall receive which ships.

Should the Committee or normal diplomatic channels fail to settle the question, it is expected to be discussed by the Foreign Ministers' Council in Moscow on March 10.

Italy will lose three battle-ships, five cruisers, seven destroyers, eight submarines and one scap. —Reuter.

**Home-Made Land Mine
An Effective Weapon**

Jerusalem, Jan. 18.
The land mine, which is the latest weapon of the Jewish terrorist organisation Irgun Zvai Leumi, was described here today as "capable of utterly destroying a three-ton army lorry."

A mine, which British soldiers called "particularly ingenious," was found yesterday afternoon among loose stones of a wall beside the Jerusalem-Jaffa road, two and half miles from Jerusalem near the spot where two British soldiers were killed and three others injured by an explosion in October last.

An attempt to assassinate Sir Harold MacMichael, former High Commissioner for Palestine, took place on the same stretch of road in August, 1944. On that occasion, the nearby Jewish settlement of Givat Shaul was collectively fined

clients introduced. Patrons at high class establishments are feted and shewn every consideration, in addition to being provided with free motor transport, free drinks, free meals, free cigarettes and even free opium, if required. This attention is freely lavished until the victim has been plucked clean, on the happening of which event he or she is warned, in no uncertain terms, not to come back.

In addition to the establishments which specialize in dice, fan-tan, pai kau and miniature horse racing, there are also the so-called mahjong schools. These "schools," which in most cases occupy all the houses in certain streets of the Colony, are nothing more than gambling saloons where card sharps, confidence men and criminals foregather to fleece the innocent.

Day after day, money which would normally go into the home and towards the education of children is being lost in these gambling establishments, while many are forced into crime in an attempt to recoup losses.

Losses at gambling are also directly responsible for the daily toll of petty larcenies which are causing law-abiding citizens heavy loss and inconvenience, trouble and expense.

**TERRORISM
CONDEMNED**

London, Jan. 19.
Terrorism by irresponsible groups in Palestine was condemned by Professor S. Brodetsky, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, at a meeting of the Board in London today.

"If there is any ideal dearer to the hearts and thoughts of Jews," he said, "it is that of peace and sympathy of the world for the work of the Jews in Palestine. This has been based on the fact that the national home was being built by hard work and sacrifice without the spilling of innocent blood."

"It is therefore with troubled heart that we admit that such sympathy has been lost by violent and fanatical acts—the deeds of men crazed by the sufferings and slaughter of their nearest and dearest and by the obstacles put in the paths of their surviving relatives to join them in Palestine."

"But when all that is said, their acts are criminal and must be condemned without question. The Board is profoundly disturbed by the renewed outrages in Palestine. It again records its unqualified abhorrence and condemnation of these acts of terrorism by irresponsible groups, whose criminal behaviour is contrary to all the teachings of Judaism, and can only harm the interests of the Jewish people."

A resolution approving the statement was unanimously adopted. —Reuter.

Petrol Tin
The latest mine, which was dismantled by Royal Engineers, consisted of a standard industrial four gallon petrol tin, 14 by 9 inches with double flanged water-tight lid. It contained nearly 44 pounds of gelignite in 175 four-ounce cartridges manufactured in Glasgow of the type used locally for both military and civil purposes.

The gelignite was completely surrounded by 19 pounds of iron rivets.

Two electric detonators were embedded in the middle of the explosive. Four yards of electric flex leading from the mine had been cut and the control point had not been discovered.

**HIGHJACKERS
SMASHED**

New York, Jan. 18.
The Federal Bureau of Investigation today announced that it has smashed a 20-man highjacking ring allegedly responsible for more than 20 highjackings in the New York City area within the last year.

It said all members were arrested and added that the total loot obtained by the so-called "Westo Gang" exceeded US\$500,000 worth of shirts, shoes, watches, jewelry, guns, musical instruments and cosmetics. On one occasion the gang even highjacked a truck fully loaded with bibles. —United Press.

**Contempt
For U.S.
Tribunal?**

Shanghai, Jan. 19.
The student movement against "United States forces' brutality" today served notice that it would extend its campaign throughout China, and will "never rest" until Washington withdraws American troops from Chinese soil under a revamped China policy.

Answering questions at a press conference, Chinan University students spokesman said if the U.S. State Department's policy is changed, material supplies to the Nanjing Government "will naturally cease." This would remove one of the causes of the Chinese civil war, he said.

The spokesman said students

**400 Die When Ship
Sinks In Yangtze**

Shanghai, Jan. 19.
Four hundred Chinese were reported drowned yesterday when the small passenger steamer Chekiang collided with a tug and sank in the Yangtze River off Woosung near Shanghai.

Six hundred or more survivors were brought to Shanghai. They were joined by relatives of the victims and angrily besieged the Chinese ship operators' office and threatened to tear it apart before the Police quelled them.

The steamer was the Chekiang. She was bound up river to Nantung with about 1,000 passengers. Off Woosung, the ship collided with one of two steel lighters which a tug was towing. The Chekiang, sank almost immediately.

The survivors charged that the Chekiang was over-loaded and the tug ignored the signals to alter course.

The Woosung Police launched many trips rescuing large numbers of persons in the water.

Riot Quelled
Confused estimates of dead ranged from 100 to 400. The exact casualties may never be known since passengers are not ordinarily kept for such trips.

The angry, drenched survivors marched on the Tung Chi Steamship offices demanding redress for lost belongings. Relatives of the missing shouted for compensation.

Police quelled the incipient riot. —Associated Press.
Official Enquiry
Shanghai, Jan. 19.
The Navigation Bureau of the Ministry of Communications today concluded an official inquiry into the loss of the 30-ton river steamer "Chekiang." The findings will determine the basis on which compensation

**Britain As
Balance Of
Power?**

London, Jan. 19.

A new approach to British foreign policy, based on Commonwealth and Imperial interests, is being discussed among members of Parliament. The central idea is these forces carry enough weight to act as a third power group, balancing the rival power groups of the United States and Russia.

The new foreign policy is being actively canvassed by Garry Allighan, former journalist and Labour Member of Parliament. Allighan said that Premier Attlee, Foreign Minister Bevin, Canadian Premier Mackenzie King and other Dominion Premiers and all Members of Parliament have been circulated and their reactions were both extensive and eloquent.

Allighan pointed out that it is undeniable that the United Nations has resulted in grouping the nations into two clearly defined political systems—American and Russian.

He suggested a confederation of British nations as a third power in which Britain must surrender its rigid traditions and must recognise the full right of every British-born nation to all the privileges of co-equal national sovereignty.

There should first be a general economic plan for the confederation, secondly, a common defence policy and, thirdly, an integrated foreign policy in which there would be proper distribution of responsibility for international policy.

The confederation would include Britain, Eire, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and also Newfoundland and the Colonies and dependencies. —United Press.

refused to rely on the justice of the "unqualified and one-sided" U.S. military tribunal which currently is trying Marine Cpl William Plerson, charged with raping a Chinese girl student.

Instead, the students reiterated their demand for a Sino-American court. —United Press.

**U.S. Govt. Urged
To Intervene
Palestine Problem
One For UNO?**

Washington, Jan. 18.

The United States Government is urged to take the initiative in calling an immediate Anglo-American conference on the military, political and economic aspects of the Palestine problem in a report to President Truman by a former Republican Congressman from New York, Mr. Joseph Clark Baldwin.

Mr. Baldwin is at present an official of the "Political Action Committee for Palestine."

Mr. Baldwin, who conferred with British leaders in London and Jews and Arabs in Palestine, submitted the report at President Truman's request and urged that such a conference should presuppose the "joint recognition of Palestine as an independent democracy in which shall be the existing politically homeless Jews in Europe and the boundaries of which shall be the existing boundaries of Palestine, temporarily exclusive of Transjordan."

Mr. Baldwin urged President Truman to oppose partition because it only postpones the issue, "fraught with danger to Anglo-American friendship and unity of action."

Mr. Baldwin claimed that the presence of British troops in Palestine is becoming "untenable" and said that steps to replace them by an international military force under the auspices of the United Nations are necessary to prevent worsening of the situation.

British Position

"The underground movements are widely supported by the population, both Jewish and Arab, and are slowly but surely forcing the British military in Palestine out of the position of a friendly force" and into the position of an enemy occupying army—at least in the public mind.

"There can be no other explanation of the failure of the British to apprehend any of either the instigators or actual perpetrators of current acts of violence."

The report urges that the

U.S. Loans

Mr. Baldwin stipulated that in the constitutional convention and in later elections, the homeless Jews in Europe shall be regarded as Palestinian citizens.

To promote the economic development of the entire Middle East, Mr. Baldwin recommends that the United States Export-Import Bank make loans aggregating \$300,000,000 to Palestine and Arab League states, subject to financial and political agreements. —Reuter.

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Pétain Denial Of An Old Rumour

Paris, Jan. 19. High legal officials said yesterday that former Marshal Philippe Pétain had denied categorically that he participated in a Vichy Cabinet meeting, discussing alliance with Germany and proposals for a declaration of war against the United States and Great Britain.

"It would have been sheer folly," officials quoted the ex-Marshall as saying, "if my name has been used in that connection. It was simple fraud."

M. Pétain, now in exile on the Isle of Yeu off the west central coast of France, has been under questioning after the discovery of records of Vichy Cabinet meetings kept by the onetime German Ambassador to Paris. The court was interested particularly in records of Vichy meetings held during January, 1942.

M. Jacques Pierre Benoit Mechin, an undersecretary in Pétain's Vichy Government, was questioned by the records. Benoit Mechin has been in custody since the liberation.

The semi-official French Press Agency, in its account of

CHINESE LECTURER FOR BRITAIN

Shanghai, Jan. 19. Dr. Chu Heng-shi, President of the National Shanghai Medical College, who is ranked one of the best scientists and medical experts in China, left here by plane for England via Hong Kong yesterday.

Dr. Chu is going to England to lecture at the invitation of the British Government. He is expected to remain in England for six months.—Central News.

NANKING TO TRY A NEW APPROACH TO PEACE

U.S. Credit For Greece

Athens, Jan. 18. The United States has granted Greece the sum of \$11,000,000 for her immediate needs, it was announced to the Greek Prime Minister, Constantinos Tsaldaris, today by the United States financial expert, Mr. Patterson, at a meeting of the Currency Committee, on which Britain and the United States are represented.

A United States economic mission headed by Mr. Paul Porter, arrived in Athens today. The mission which has come to Greece at the request of the Greek Government, will examine the economic conditions in Greece as they bear upon the reconstruction and development of the economy of the country.

It will estimate the extent to which foreign assistance may be necessary and is to complete its work by the end of April.—Reuter.

Truman Could Run Again

Washington, Jan. 18. Mr. James A. Farley, former Democratic National chairman, said last night that President Truman was not the strongest candidate the Party could name in 1948 but believed he can have nomination if he wants it.

In a nationwide radio talk Farley said he doubted the Democrats could win in 1948 if Henry Wallace (former Secretary of Commerce) was either the first or second spot on the ticket.

For the opposing Republicans, Farley said he placed Thomas Dewey as the first possible choice as presidential candidate with Senator Taft second and Senator Arthur Vandenberg third. He said "Stassen does not have a chance because the GOP party machine and not the people will select the nominee."—United Press.

Graft Charges Denial

Washington, Jan. 18. Under-Secretaries of State Dean Acheson and William Clayton today denied as "unfounded" the charges by Congressman Paul W. Shafer (Michigan, Republican) that they used their positions for personal gain.

Shafer, in the House, had demanded that General Marshall fire both.

Shafer specifically declared he resigned from a law firm and allowed his partners to buy him out when he took the State Department post in February, 1941.—United Press.

TRIBES RUNNING WILD

Muzaffarabad, Kashmir, Jan. 18. Tara Singh, leader of the Akali Sikhs, said here today that 153 people were killed in recent tribal raids on the Hazara district of the Northwest Frontier Province. The raiders were still running wild, burning villages and killing their inhabitants.—Reuter.

It was unofficially learned that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is calling an important meeting with Government negotiators tonight to review the situation following the Communist rejection of the Government offer.

It was also reported that a decision might be made at the meeting regarding a new approach to peace talks.

Dr. Sun Fo, Liberal Kuomintang member and President of the Legislative Yuan, told the United Press today that the Government will try a new approach to peace as an alternative to the Communist rejection of the offer to send General Chang Chih-chung to Yanan.

He refused to disclose the alternative proposal but regardless of its provisions most observers are agreed that there will be no peace talks until the Communists score an important military victory—thereby increasing their bargaining power or until they are defeated by the Nationalists.

Dr. Sun Fo, commenting on the rejection, said the Chinese Reds showed they prefer to fight until they get the upper hand and not "giving a damn" to the people's sufferings.

He predicted that the more intransigent the Communists become the more likely the third parties will unite behind the Government.—United Press.

Door Open Nanking, Jan. 19. Government will keep the door open for further peace negotiations, said Chairman Sun Fo of the Legislative Yuan, "but if the Communists desire a protracted civil war, the Government will have no alternative but to carry on fighting."

Other officials were inclined to the belief that no drastic political or military developments were in immediate prospect as a result of the Communists' rejection of the Government's overtures.

These sources said that the impasse probably would continue indefinitely, awaiting clarification of United States policy toward China.—Associated Press.

Colonial Standards Of Living

New York, Jan. 18. The standard of living in India and other parts of Asia, as well as Africa, Europe and South America could be raised substantially, said Mr. Chester Bowles, former United States Economic Stabilisation Director, in a speech last night, urging the investment of as little as two per cent of the United States total income yearly for 20 years to help less fortunate countries.

This investment, he said, would be the "world's cheapest, peace insurance." It would, he claimed, go a long way towards building a modern transport system throughout the East and in Europe and South America. It would help to modernise industries in many parts of the world, raising the standard of living and enabling countless thousands of people to become customers for United States goods.—Reuter.

ARBITRATION OF STRIKES

Washington, Jan. 18. Representative Gerald W. Landis of Indiana said he would introduce a bill on Monday providing compulsory arbitration of strikes imperilling the national welfare.

Under the proposed measure, if either side refused to accept compulsory arbitration, the Government would be authorized to seize the strike-bound plant.—United Press.

K.A.R. SENT TO MOMBASA

Mombasa, Jan. 18. A large party of the King's African Rifles, with three Bren gun carriers, arrived today in Mombasa paralysed since Sunday by a general strike of African workers. This brought the town's military strength to five companies of the Fourth Battalion of the King's African Rifles.

The strike is due to discontent over wages, housing conditions and high cost of living.—Reuter.

CLINGING TO A BUOY

London, Jan. 18. Seventeen hours after his boat had sunk, Arthur James Anderson, 39-year-old convict who escaped ten days ago from Brixton Prison, told of his plight, was found clinging to a buoy a mile from Cowes Harbour today by a destroyer.

Anderson, who had been spotted by a naval plane, escaped in a small dinghy after he had been chased by the police but his dinghy sank and he was not picked up until today. He had been clinging to the buoy in a strong current and when he was landed at Portland, he was pallid and worn and had both feet bandaged.—Reuter.

ARNALL GIVES WAY TO TALMADGE

Atlanta, Jan. 19. Mr. M. E. Thompson took office yesterday as Lieutenant Governor of Georgia and word came from Mr. Ellis Arnall that he had now abandoned the Governorship fight.

Mr. Arnall's resignation, filed on Saturday, said, "I hereby resign as Governor of Georgia, effective immediately after qualification of the Lieutenant Governor, so that the Executive powers of Government may devolve upon the Lieutenant Governor and the expressed will of the people may be effectuated."

The Secretary of the State of Georgia, Mr. Ben Fortson, who has Mr. Arnall's resignation, said it is up to Mr. Arnall to make the next move.

Mr. Ellis Arnall announced that his resignation as Governor of Georgia is effective as from 1050 local time yesterday when Lieutenant Governor Thompson was sworn in.

Mr. Arnall, said in a prepared statement that "having discharged my Constitutional duty as Governor of Georgia and the Lieutenant Governor having qualified, my resignation as Governor became effective shortly after 1050 today (Saturday)."

The statement added, "This procedure clearly enables the Lieutenant Governor to become acting Governor with the full and absolute powers of Government until the people of Georgia can elect a Governor to fill the unexpired term."

Mr. Arnall added, "I am confident that this action will meet with the approval of the vast majority of the people of the State."

"Likewise, I am certain that the Courts will uphold the Constitution of Georgia, and elections by the people, Democracy, law, and order will be sustained."

Lieutenant Governor Thompson said that he considered himself acting Governor of Georgia.

Mr. Thompson said that he is confident "the law is on my side" and announced that he would ask the State Attorney General to prosecute in his name a suit filed earlier to oust Mr. Herman Talmadge, elected Governor by the Legislature after the death of his father, Mr. Gene Talmadge, who had been named Governor at a State election.

"Anarchy"

Arnall quit with a statement denouncing the regime as anarchy and charging that Talmadge seized office in a military coup.

Two hours later, Thompson told the press he considered himself to be the Acting Governor and would continue the battle to oust Talmadge and "protect the people's rights."

"Since I don't have strong military forces at my command I am not in a position to say at this time what steps I will take if Talmadge refuses to evacuate the office," he declared.

In a radio broadcast to the people of Georgia, Arnall declared: "If this military coup is successful and if this subversive Legislature succeeds in taking away your rights, as it is undertaking to do, I fear for the future. I have confidence the courts will act to protect the people."—Associated Press.

Mufti Rejects Partition

Cairo, Jan. 18. Haj Amin El Husseini, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, in an exclusive statement to the United Press today, said that Palestine Arabs "and all Arab peoples and Governments refuse to accept partition of Palestine in any shape or form."

The Grand Mufti, speaking on the eve of the departure of Arab delegates to London for resumption of the Palestine conference, said, "The attitude of Palestine Arabs, as the attitude of all Arab delegations is against partition."

Husseini received a United Press correspondent at his residence. The Arab religious leader said, "Arab Governments will support Palestine's Arabs with all their force and by all means in their struggle against partition."—United Press.

London, Jan. 19. Prince Wan, a member of the Royal Family of Siam and head of his country's delegation to the United Nations, left Poole yesterday by flying boat for Bangkok.—Associated Press.

Occupation Duties

Patterson said that half of the present army is engaged in occupation and overseas duties and a larger part of the remainder in duties supporting the occupation forces.

He outlined occupation duties as follows: "Our principal occupation problem is to make certain of the peace, won at the cost of so many American lives and so much of our national wealth."

"An important move to maintain peace, one which we are undertaking, is to re-educate and reorient peoples of occupied

areas in the Democratic way of life, that those peoples may establish and support peaceful, democratic and responsible governments. We must seek out, try and punish major war criminals to show that war-like crime does not pay. We are trying to further reparations settlements and return of identifiable loot.

"Finally, while destroying the enemy's war potential we must help occupied areas to become self-supporting at the earliest possible date."—United Press.

Busy On Treaty For Austria

London, Jan. 18. Although no meetings of the special deputies of the Big Four Foreign Ministers for Austria or Germany are to be held during the weekend, there is plenty of activity behind the scenes.

The drafting committee, set up by the special deputies for Austria, are busy preparing the agreed text of the preamble of the Austrian treaty.

The official advisers of the British, American and French deputies for Austria are due to prepare three drafts of the political clauses of the treaty by next Monday morning when the conference on that country is resumed.

The special deputies for Germany and their advisers have before them documents on the substance of the German problem from some half a dozen smaller powers.

The order for hearing the small countries interested in the Austrian treaty is being arranged in the course of today and it is expected that this will be announced later.—Reuter.

Readers' Letters

Jury Service Sir,—Ye Gods! So Hong Kong women want to do jury service. From what I've seen of the local men there are not many who take an intelligent interest in what goes on when they serve on a jury, and the women! Apart from people such as your Miss Bradbury interviewed, who are in the minority, are there any intelligent women here? The mental horizon of those I have met seems to be bounded by the mahjong or bridge table, elevenses, clothes and catty gossip, with no signs that their brains could deal with anything more weighty.

TEMPORARY RESIDENT. Sir,—If and when Government draws up a scheme for having women on our local juries, I trust they will not overlook the fact that not all women in this Colony have nothing else to do but attend beauty parlours, cocktail parties and elevenses at the Dairy Farm.

I live in a hotel and my wife finds our 2-year old child keeps her pretty busy during most of the daylight hours—or roughly from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. I have to work to earn a living, and if my wife is to be tied up in Court during jury-duty all day, who is to look after the youngster?

It seems to me Margaret Bradbury might have asked one or two, in a position similar to that of my wife, instead of the tai-pan-class of female who forms the bulk of her "investigation."

POP.

Sir,—Your correspondents J.C.A. and Phil threw a few brickbats at Z.B.W. in Friday's issue of your paper. Surely they are unjust?

From the way people criticise Z.B.W. one would think the station had all the resources, financial and otherwise, of the B.B.C. or Columbia Broadcasting or N.B.C.

Considering that Z.B.W. has to operate on a small budget I think they do pretty well. They give too much dance music, in my opinion, but that, after all, is just my taste and presumably most people want that type of music. On the whole their programmes are well-balanced and interesting. I wonder how the critics would fare if they were put in charge of the local studio?

LISTENER.

Russian Broadcast

Sir,—Could you or any of your readers give me the name of the Russian broadcasting station which I get nightly on my set in the 19-metre band?

Some say it is Moscow, some say it is Khabarovsk, the Far Eastern Soviet station. I have

Prospects For Peace "Excellent"

Washington, Jan. 18. The Secretary of War, Robert H. Patterson, told a radio audience today that "prospects for peace in 1947 were excellent" but that the United States Army must have a minimum of 1,700,000 men during the year to carry out tasks assigned to it.

Patterson, who spoke on the regular weekly "Our Foreign Policy" programme, said, "We need an Army of more than a million because we must stand guard over more than 100,000,000 enemies to make sure that they will be incapable of disturbing the peace again."

"Most of the energy and manpower of the Army today is directly or indirectly engaged in sustaining our Army of occupation. You cannot occupy Germany or Japan with an atomic bomb. As for the so-called mass army, you are going on the popular but as yet an untested assumption when you say mass army is a thing of the past."

Patterson said that the Army's functions under the United Nations organization would be to furnish the United States their share of armed forces required by it and provide national defense as necessary and proper under United Nations agreements.

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The statement added, "This procedure clearly enables the Lieutenant Governor to become acting Governor with the full and absolute powers of Government until the people of Georgia can elect a Governor to fill the unexpired term."

Mr. Arnall added, "I am confident that this action will meet with the approval of the vast majority of the people of the State."

"Likewise, I am certain that the Courts will uphold the Constitution of Georgia, and elections by the people, Democracy, law, and order will be sustained."

Lieutenant Governor Thompson said that he considered himself acting Governor of Georgia.

Mr. Thompson said that he is confident "the law is on my side" and announced that he would ask the State Attorney General to prosecute in his name a suit filed earlier to oust Mr. Herman Talmadge, elected Governor by the Legislature after the death of his father, Mr. Gene Talmadge, who had been named Governor at a State election.

"Anarchy"

Arnall quit with a statement denouncing the regime as anarchy and charging that Talmadge seized office in a military coup.

Two hours later, Thompson told the press he considered himself to be the Acting Governor and would continue the battle to oust Talmadge and "protect the people's rights."

"Since I don't have strong military forces at my command I am not in a position to say at this time what steps I will take if Talmadge refuses to evacuate the office," he declared.

In a radio broadcast to the people of Georgia, Arnall declared: "If this military coup is successful and if this subversive Legislature succeeds in taking away your rights, as it is undertaking to do, I fear for the future. I have confidence the courts will act to protect the people."—Associated Press.

CLINGING TO A BUOY

London, Jan. 18. Seventeen hours after his boat had sunk, Arthur James Anderson, 39-year-old convict who escaped ten days ago from Brixton Prison, told of his plight, was found clinging to a buoy a mile from Cowes Harbour today by a destroyer.

Anderson, who had been spotted by a naval plane, escaped in a small dinghy after he had been chased by the police but his dinghy sank and he was not picked up until today. He had been clinging to the buoy in a strong current and when he was landed at Portland, he was pallid and worn and had both feet bandaged.—Reuter.

Mufti Rejects Partition

Cairo, Jan. 18. Haj Amin El Husseini, Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, in an exclusive statement to the United Press today, said that Palestine Arabs "and all Arab peoples and Governments refuse to accept partition of Palestine in any shape or form."

The Grand Mufti, speaking on the eve of the departure of Arab delegates to London for resumption of the Palestine conference, said, "The attitude of Palestine Arabs, as the attitude of all Arab delegations is against partition."

Husseini received a United Press correspondent at his residence. The Arab religious leader said, "Arab Governments will support Palestine's Arabs with all their force and by all means in their struggle against partition."—United Press.

Busy On Treaty For Austria

London, Jan. 18. Although no meetings of the special deputies of the Big Four Foreign Ministers for Austria or Germany are to be held during the weekend, there is plenty of activity behind the scenes.

The drafting committee, set up by the special deputies for Austria, are busy preparing the agreed text of the preamble of the Austrian treaty.

The official advisers of the British, American and French deputies for Austria are due to prepare three drafts of the political clauses of the treaty by next Monday morning when the conference on that country is resumed.

The special deputies for Germany and their advisers have before them documents on the substance of the German problem from some half a dozen smaller powers.

The order for hearing the small countries interested in the Austrian treaty is being arranged in the course of today and it is expected that this will be announced later.—Reuter.

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Savage Warfare In Indo-China

Shanghai Prices Rocket

(By Doon Campbell)

Shanghai, Jan. 19. With the approach of Chinese New Year holidays which start on Wednesday, prices in Shanghai have shot up to new peaks with meat and chicken costing about 30 per cent more than a week ago.

Despite this, preparations to celebrate the new year on a big scale are well in progress and the police ban on the discharge of fireworks has so far had little effect.

Police also banned gambling on the streets which has been a traditional practice during the lunar holiday and, despite the pleas of cabaret owners, refuse to relax regulations requiring the closing of all places of amusements by midnight.

Meanwhile some men are reaping a rich harvest by buying all available rail and ship tickets and selling them at fancy prices to would-be travellers wanting to spend the holidays in their own home towns and villages.

Police are trying to apprehend members of the so-called "Black Ox Gang," the city's most notorious scalper outfit which is now especially active.

The Chinese newspapers in Shanghai are taking the lunar new year seriously. Most of them intend to close for three days.

Foreigners Worried

The holidays are a great worry to a majority of foreign residents whose servants uniformly expect one month's wages as a new year bonus.

Several Chinese, committed suicide because they were unable to meet their debts before the new year as Chinese tradition requires. One man tried to take his life by swallowing a whole bottle of lysol but survived unharmful because the contents were strongly diluted by a Chinese imitation. Associated Press.

Nanking, Too

Nanking, Jan. 19. The issue of \$5,000 and \$10,000 denomination currency notes, coupled with the approaching Chinese New Year, has touched off all general violent fluctuations in the price level, according to competent economic circles here.

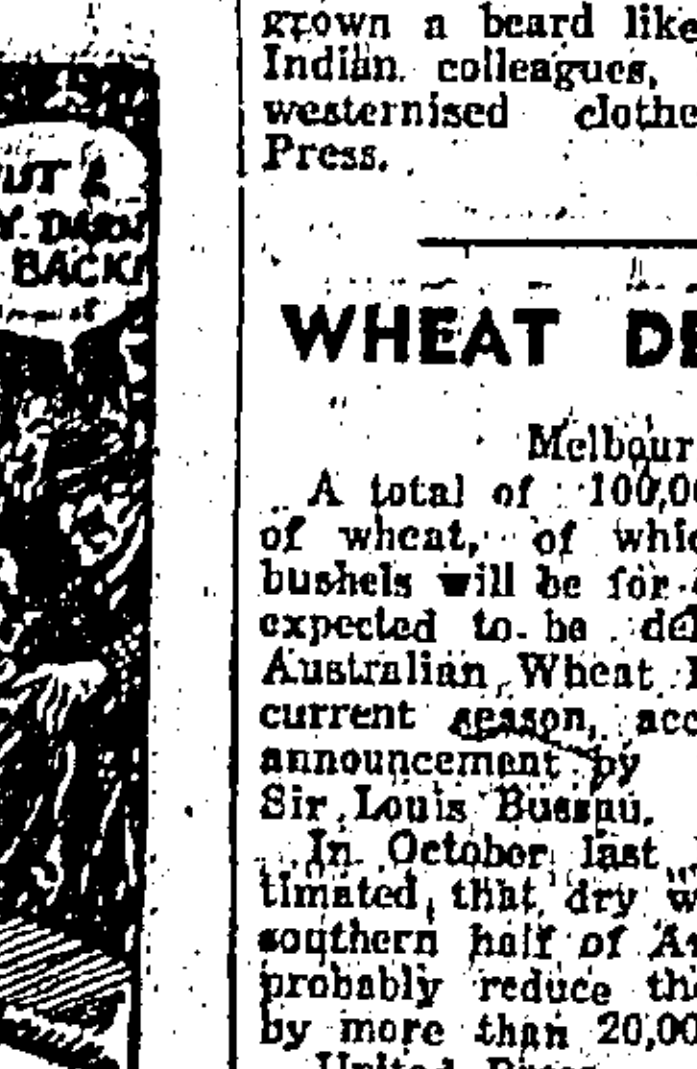
Prices have been moving upwards in the last 10 days but after the Government announcement of the issue of big denomination notes the price boom was greatly accelerated.

The price hiking affected not only domestic products but also foreign imports. As the market stands today, commodity prices have been upped from 10 to 30 per cent.

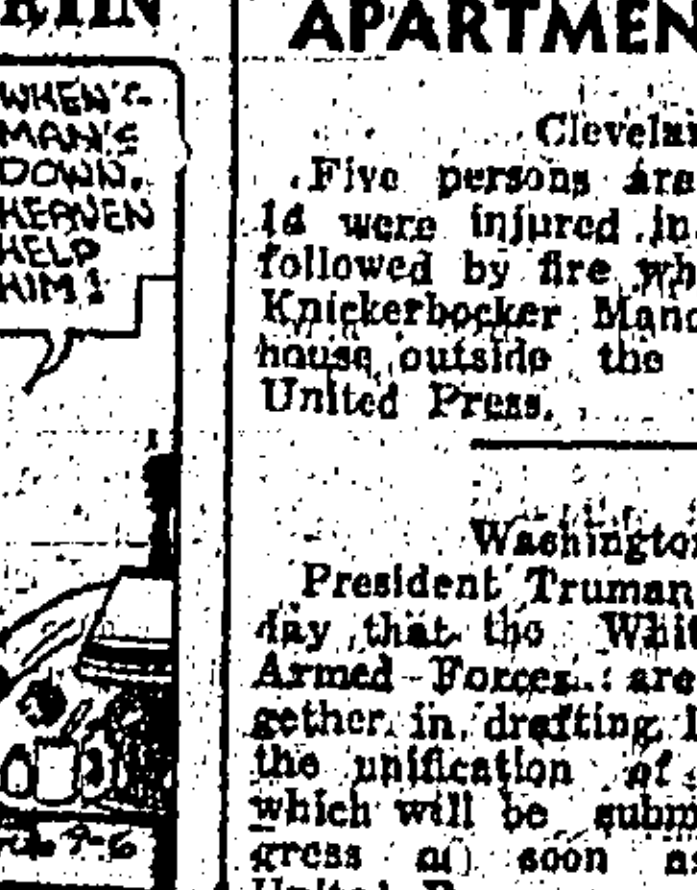
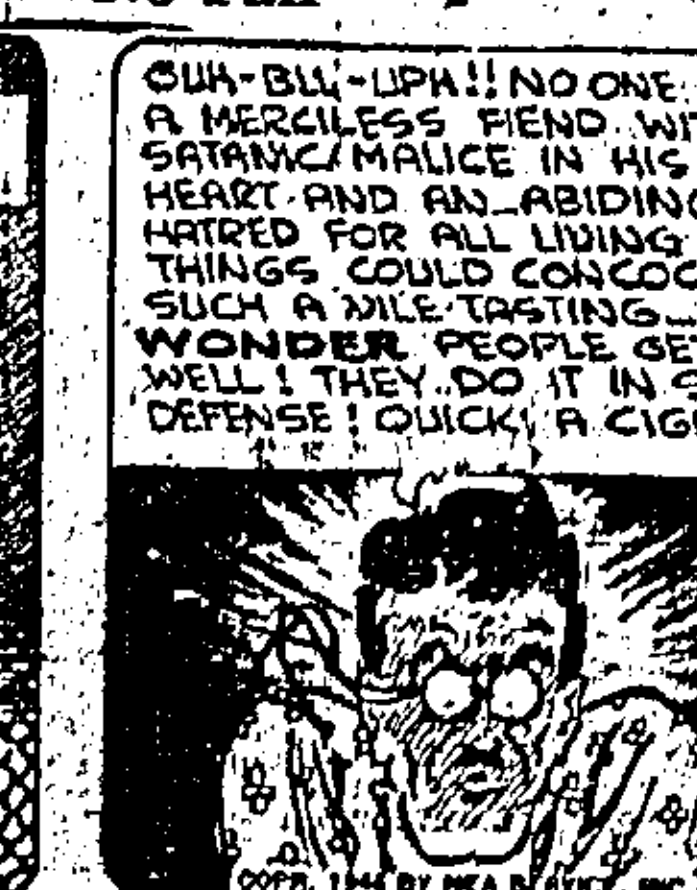
As usual, the U.S. dollar took the lead in the price fluctuation.—United Press.

Batavia, Jan. 18. The Japanese war criminal Yamura was executed by a Dutch firing squad today at Balikpapan, Borneo.—Reuter.

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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



"A GRAVE ERROR"

Tokyo, Jan. 19. Passengers on the Tokyo crowded railway protested yesterday when the Railway Bureau apologized to Tetsuka station rather than to them because the motorman fell asleep at the controls and failed to make a scheduled halt at Tetsuka, on the way to Ofuna.

Any apologies forthcoming should have been made to the passengers, they declared, and demanded that the railway take "energetic action" to prevent a recurrence of "such a grave error."—United Press.

Chinese Air Route Expansion

Shanghai, Jan. 19. Plans to institute four separate air lines to connect China with America, Europe, the Philippines and Siam have been mapped out by a Ministry of Communications official, Central News reported today.

The projected services, the agency said, would be operated by the China National Aviation Corporation and Central Air Transport Corporation.

The official said the four routes would be: 1. Shanghai and New York via Guam, Wake, Honolulu, San Francisco and Washington; 2. Shanghai and Paris via Canton, Hong Kong, Hanoi, Bangkok, Calcutta, Delhi, Teheran, Ankara and Athens; 3. Shanghai and Manila via Amoy, Swatow, Canton and Hong Kong; 4. Shanghai and Bangkok via Canton, Hong Kong and Hanoi.

Meanwhile, Central News added the Central Air Transport Corporation has been instructed by the Ministry of Communications to prepare for the eventual opening of three new domestic air services: Shanghai and Harbin, Shanghai and Hailuoguo (in Hainan Island) and Shanghai and Ningbo (in Sinkiang).

The agency said whether or not these projected lines could be opened depended on several factors, notably finance. The Shanghai-Harbin line would, of course, be impossible so long as Harbin remains in Communist hands.—Associated Press.

"TOISHAN" VICTIM

The "China Mail" has been informed by Mr. Loo Chi Yin (Charles Loo) who lost his wife and three children in the "Toishan" disaster, that the body of his wife was recovered during the week and brought back to Hong Kong for burial.

Mr. Loo told the "China Mail" that the body of his wife was recovered in the Pingshan area by Commandos and taken to the Pingshan Police Station. Mr. Loo said that all money and jewellery in possession of his wife at the time of the disaster was handed back to him intact. He wished to express "his gratitude to the Commandos concerned in the recovery of his wife's body, the Police Authorities at Pingshan and also Inspector Smith of the Water Police Station, Kowloon, for their invaluable assistance."

Ramadier Snagged By Indo-China

Paris, Jan. 19.

Socialist Paul Ramadier, conferring with other political leaders in efforts to form a Cabinet, reportedly had struck a snag last night on the question of Indo-China.

Despite a series of optimistic statements by Socialist and other Party chiefs, M. Ramadier postponed a report to President Vincent Auriol on his negotiations until late yesterday evening. He had been due to make it in mid-afternoon.

Many observers persist in believing that he was merely going through the motions, and that Leon Blum would eventually be nominated to head an all-Socialist government.

A reliable source at the Palace Bourbon said the general outline of M. Ramadier's proposed Cabinet, besides M. Blum as Minister of State, envisaged: Socialists—National Economy, Finance and Industrial Production Ministries.

Radical Socialist bloc—Reconstruction, Information, Justice and Education.

Communists—National Defence, Labour, and Communication.

MRP—Foreign Affairs, Army, Navy and Air.

Ticklish Point

One of the most ticklish points was Indo-China and the eventual voting of larger military credits to increase the French arms strength in the rebellion-torn Far East. The Communists, other Parties said, were balking over this.

The MRP formally voted Friday a motion saying it preferred a return to an all-Socialist Cabinet, such as Leon Blum headed last month.

Yesterday members qualified that, saying they really meant that they would like to see M. Blum return with his Cabinet intact, but if that was impossible, they preferred a coalition Government.

In the last analysis, the crisis has resolved itself into another of the long series of struggles between the ideologically opposed Communist and MRP Parties.

The Communists were maintaining a discreet silence, but were reported to be anxious to get back into the Government and to demand the National Defence and Labour Ministries. The Radical Socialists took a late evening vote 55 to 17 supporting "in principle" a Ramadier Cabinet but wanting precise statements on the status of the Defence Ministry.—Associated Press.

Bristolian A Moslem Missionary

London, Jan. 19. Bryan Orchard, a former Lieutenant with the Indian Army, has become British India Moslem missionary and will work under his adopted Islamic name of Bashir Ahmad Orchard.

While serving in the Indian theatre during the war, Orchard, a former Bristol clerk, accepted the Ahmadiyah movement, of Islam. Later, he said, "I decided to dedicate my life to mission work for the Ahmadiyah community."

At present Orchard is studying Moslem theology and languages at the London mosque. He has grown a beard like those of his Indian colleagues, but he wears westernised clothes.—Associated Press.

WHEAT DELIVERY

Melbourne, Jan. 18. A total of 100,000,000 bushels of wheat, of which 40,000,000 bushels will be for export, can be expected to be delivered to the Australian Wheat Board for the current season, according to 44 announcements by the chairman, Sir Louis Bourn.

In October last, Sir Louis estimated that dry weather in the southern half of Australia would probably reduce the wheat crop by more than 20,000,000 bushels.—United Press.

APARTMENT FIRE

Cleveland, Jan. 18. Five persons are missing, and 14 were injured, in an explosion followed by fire which swept the Knickerbocker Manor apartment house, outside the city today.—United Press.

Washington, Jan. 18. President Truman disclosed today that the White House and Armed Forces are working together in drafting legislation for the publication of the services which will be submitted to Congress as soon as possible.—United Press.

Poland Goes To The Polls

Warsaw, Jan. 19.

A steady stream of voters, singly and in marching groups, was going to the polls today under a gray, overcast sky and in a slight drizzle.

Warsaw was quiet and orderly, and an extensive tour of the polling places showed the people voting in "moderate secrecy" with no serious infringements of the electoral regulations visible.

A tour of the polling booths showed few people were making any effort to show how they were voting, as the government bloc propaganda had appealed to them to do. Most put their ballots in envelopes slowly and thoughtfully.

Reports from Lublin, Katowice, Krakow and Wroklaw indicated the peasant bloc was engaged in similar publicity as Saturday's parades in Warsaw.

A United Press correspondent going to Lublin from Warsaw on Saturday reported six roadblocks between the two cities while another reported 18 between Warsaw and Klodzko.

Vice-Minister of Security Roman Romkowski late Saturday denied a recent statement by Vice-Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk that 131 Peasant Party candidates were under arrest.

"The truth is 21 Peasant candidates were imprisoned, 14 before they were appointed candidates. They still are charged with offences such as espionage and several with possession of arms and collaboration with the underground."

He said 2,110 Peasant Party members were at present under arrest, adding that those arrested during the election period and since released might have been double that figure.—United Press.

BANK HOLIDAYS

The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Wednesday and Thursday, the 22nd and 23rd January, 1947.

(China New Year Holidays).

Hongkong, 20th January, 1947.

DEPARTMENT OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS NOTICE

This department will be closed on Wednesday, 22nd January, 1947, and Thursday, 23rd January, 1947, for all purposes except for the entry and clearance of ships' manifests between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. on each day.

E. HIMSWORTH, Superintendent, Imports & Exports, Hongkong, 20th January, 1947.

NOTICE

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

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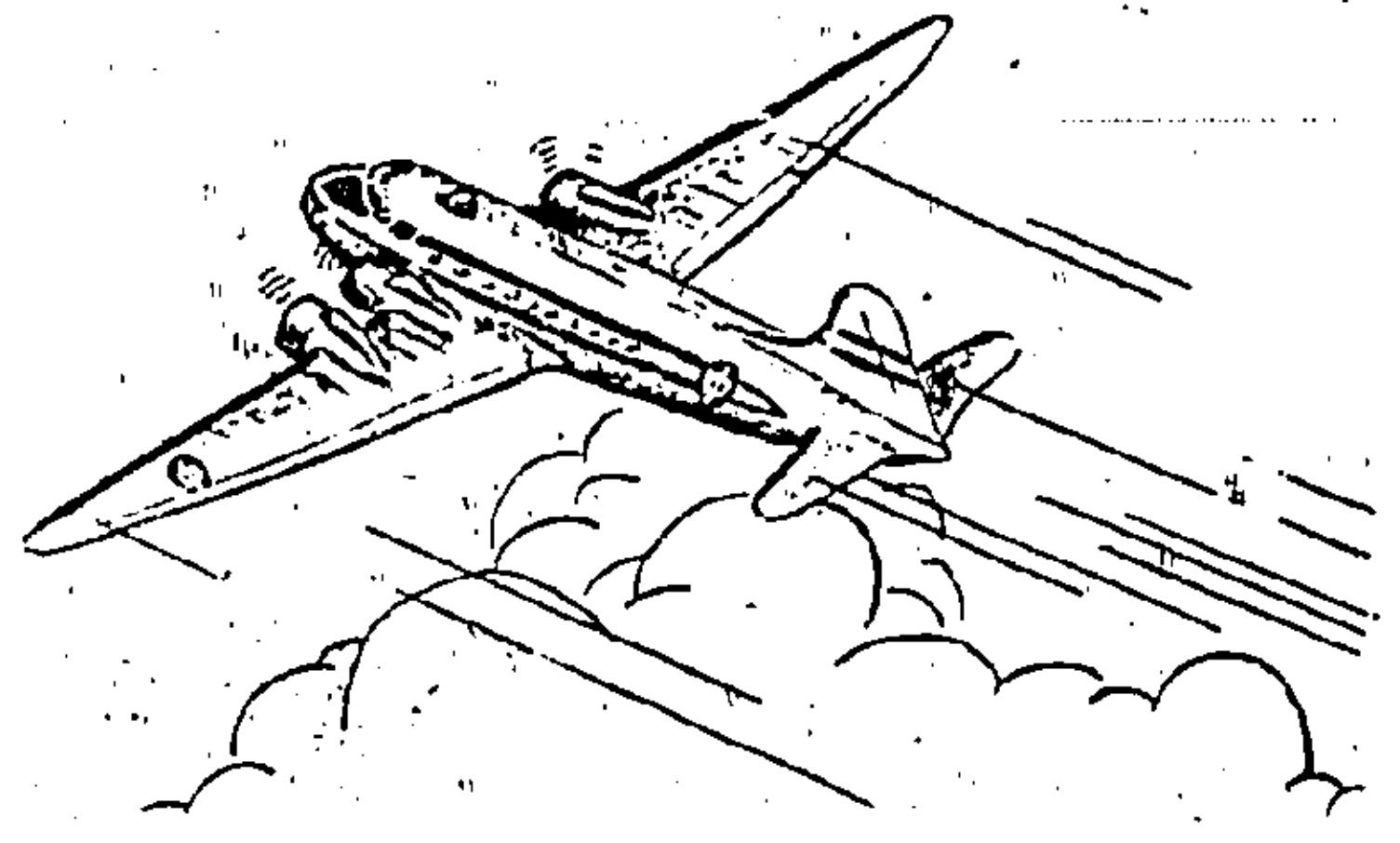
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ENGAGEMENT

NISH-ELLIS—The engagement is announced between Rosabelle Helen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Nish of Hong Kong, and Robert Stuart, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Ellis, of Port Elizabeth, Cape Province, South Africa.

REBUILDING THE T.A.

The new Territorial Force, as was announced recently by Mr. Bellenger, will have the same triple role as the "T.A." of 1939. There is, however, one significant change. The Territorials will henceforth provide armoured formations and an airborne division, as well as corps and Army troops, including, no doubt, various technical units supplied in the past largely by the Special Reserve. Thus the proportion of specialists to "foot-sloggers" will increase, as it has done in the Regular Army.

Though the new "T.A." was reconstituted on New Year's Day, it will take a further three months before the permanent staff is in position ready to receive recruits. Thousands of officers and men who, after service during the war and, notably, in the pre-war Territorials, are anxious to resume their service as volunteers. For it is entirely upon volunteers that the Territorial Army will be built up during the subsequent three years, until the first intake of conscripts is incorporated for compulsory part-time service.

As several of the speeches showed in the debate which took place in the Commons upon the Anti-conscription Amendment to the Address, the desire that Britain should fulfil all her military requirements without compulsion is not confined to a minority of "rebel" Socialists.

Under the new scheme, it appears, both conscripts and volunteers are to be paid for their Territorial training, not by a block bounty but according to the time actually devoted to training. At the same time, the Prime Minister has indicated that the normal annual camp will not be taken to encroach upon the normal annual holiday.

Trade With Germany Discussion

London, Jan. 18. British reports today said discussions have started in Washington between British and American experts on the removal of restrictions imposed on trade with Germany through "trading with the enemy" regulations.

Plans are being worked out for normalisation of trade between Germany and other countries at the earliest possible date, the reports added.

It was understood arrangements are being made for businessmen of all countries to visit Germany, and that Germans in the Anglo-American unified zone will shortly be notified of the extent to which they may resume manufacturing activity.

The question of a substantial increase in the level of production beyond the agreement of last March will also be raised at the four-power level, possibly at the forthcoming Moscow meeting.

British suggestions are to raise steel production from the agreed 7,000,000 tons to 11,500,000 tons annually, steel being the yardstick of the general production index. — United Press.

MARSHALL TAKING THE OATH

Washington, Jan. 18. General George Marshall, wartime Chief of Staff of the United States Army, and recently special envoy to China, will be sworn in as the new Secretary of State in succession to Mr. James Byrnes on Monday, a few hours after his arrival by air from Hawaii, said a White House announcement today.—Reuters.

A MAN ABOUT TOWN IN HOLLYWOOD

Sunny California, or at least this part of it, has had the wettest season in years. When rain comes down here it doesn't rain.

Jupiter Fluvius just gets mad with all and sundry, opens a celestial sluice gate, and you start ringing the information operator for Noah's telephone number.

But rain or no rain, my wife, Nadia, and I were glad to be home.

Our friend and secretary who took care of the house while we were away in London took it upon herself to cook up a little surprise for us on our arrival night. Around 6 p.m., as the three of us, garbed in the most informal, not to say untidy, attire, were immersed in unpacking, the front doorbell rang.

Enter Ronnie and Benita Colman—who immediately proceeded to doff hats and coats and make themselves very much at home.

"Old friends and all that," I thought. "But does one just barge in like that?"

Some Surprise!

But there was no time to give that much further thought as the bell instantly rang again. From there on, at even shorter intervals, arrived more and more people until finally the house was full of about fifty guests.

It was a merry thought to give us a surprise party. And Nadia and I would have been even happier if she had had time to wash her face and I to comb my hair and put on some socks.

However, they were all our old friends and a good time was had by all.

Among others who came was Garbo, who arrived early and stayed late, thereby disproving the legend of "I tank I gaw hawm" and her aversion to company.

David Niven came armed with his usual wealth of anecdotes and good humour. It is good to see him getting around a little more now after his long abstinence from social contact since the tragic passing of his wife, Primmy, last spring.

David completed "The Magnificent Doll" opposite Ginger Rogers a short time ago, and it will be good to see them together in a movie again.

Remember how great they were in "Bachelor Mother" before the war?

Herbert Marshall, Chester Morris and Constance Moore I found having a good laugh at the antics of Golden Dragon, my cat.

Golden Dragon only performs with his favourite toy—a chicken drumstick bone—when he has an audience. It seems there is more than one ham in the family.

Speaking of parties, one of the season's biggest was at the Colmans' just recently.

Somehow Ronald has tolerated my presence at dinner for so many times during the past nine years that now, when I sit down, I feel almost like part of the family.

About twenty of us sat down to dinner, including Rex Harrison and his wife, Lili Palmer. These two have made a tremendous hit out here, both socially and before the cameras.

Rex is winding up his starring role in "The Ghost," and "Mrs. Muir" for Twentieth Century Fox, while Lili's latest opus is in the lead opposite Gary Cooper in "Clock and Dagger."

Famous piano maestro Arthur Rubinstein and his lovely Nella arrived beaming. They were celebrating the addition of another little Rubinstein, making their fourth.

Remember Edna? Then there were the Ahernes, the ubiquitous David Niven, and Edna Best and her husband, Nat Wolf.

Go and see Brian Aherne's latest picture, "The Locket," in which he shares honours with Laraine Day, Robert Mitchum and Gene Raymond.

It is a psychological thriller that is beautifully played and directed and a little different. I think you will enjoy it.

There will be many of you who will remember Edna Best in the West End some years ago.

Two performances of hers in those days that stand out in my mind with Tallulah Bankhead in Noel Coward's "Fallen Angels," and, of course, as the original Tessie in "The Constant Nymph."

Well, Edna is now linked up with all kinds of things in the production and writing departments of both film studio and radio, and doing very well at it.

After dinner Douglas Fairbanks called in and also little Peggy Cummins, who nearly played the little role in "Forever Amber."

Peggy, I am told, although I've not yet seen the picture, has greatly distinguished herself playing Ronnie Colman's daughter in his latest film, "The Late George Apley" and her studio has very ambitious plans for her in the future.

During the evening I escaped from the gaiety to a quiet corner and had a most interesting chat with Richard Llewellyn of "How Green Was My Valley" fame.

I had met him fleetingly once before and was most happy to renew the acquaintance.

We talked at length on a mutually loved subject—King Arthur—and I looked around for Doug Fairbanks who, I believe, is going to Britain some time in the near future to make a film based on the legends of Sir Lancelot.

But Doug had already left because of an early call at the studio in the morning.

Just after this somebody started the old parlor game called "Lifting the Chair."

(1) Put your right foot, toe foremost, against the wall.

(2) Put your left foot, toe to heel, behind it.

(3) Do the same again with your right foot. Then

(4) Place left foot squarely beside the right.

Place an upright chair against the wall, lean top of head on wall over back of chair and then, having lifted seat of chair up with both hands, try to stand upright.

Girls Are Best

Go on, just try it. Somehow all the females seem to succeed at it, but only a very few males. Personally I suspect black-magic on the part of the females or else I'm not in training.

It was suggested that the size of the shoes might have something to do with it, but

SOVIET OPINION OF BOMB

Moscow, Jan. 18.

L. Viskotrovsky, reporting in the magazine New Times on a personal visit to Nagasaki and Hiroshima, said today that although the atomic bomb is an instrument of mass destruction, industrial machinery and stone buildings did not suffer comparably.

"Our observations confirmed that the atom bomb is an instrument of mass destruction of the people, and the demand of peace loving people for the prohibition of atomic weapons is correct," he wrote.—United Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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GET HIS ENTRIES OUT

In no trump play, the principal purpose of the hold-up play by the declarer is to make sure that the dangerous defenders' side entries are out of his hand before he gets his long suit set up. If you let his partner knock out your own stoppers in the dangerous suit, whenever he has the lead, you make the defense just that much easier. But by holding up one of your stoppers, you try to make the partner switch lead before you are wide open in the threatening suit.

S. 9 7
H. K. Q. J. 3
D. A. 5 4
C. A. J. 9 4
S. 10 8 6
4 3
H. A. 9
D. J. 7 3
C. K. Q. 5
S. A. K. 5 2
H. 10 5 2
D. K. 9 8 2
C. 10 6
(Dealer East North-South vulnerable.)

South was after bigger game than a mere set of his, not vulnerable opponents' 1-Spade, so refused to pass North's double. He wound up in the most profitable spot, with a No-Trump game, then kicked it away in the play. Despite South's bid, West, with a pretty fair re-entries, opened a Q to the K. South runs four spades, his 4. South reckoned, he should be West's discards to beat that he went right in with his South's 3-No-Trumps.

After West leads the diamond Q to the K, South runs four spades and three hearts. What he sent through the post, collectors almost invariably send in specimens to the expert Committee for inspection, and

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I simply remarked to my wife that a woman's place is in the home, and here I am!"

Royal Philatelic Society

The first postage stamp was issued in Great Britain on May 6, 1840, and in spite of the obvious advantages of the prepayment of postage there were very few other states which followed this example before 1850, after which most countries in the world adopted it with enthusiasm. But it was not until 1862, when the first catalogues and journals devoted to the hobby began to appear, that there was any organised effort to collect or classify stamps. Then little groups of enthusiasts met together to exchange information on the subject and to show each other what had come in from abroad, and in 1869 such a group in London formed themselves into a society, which they then designated as the London Philatelic Society.

For many years they used to meet by invitation at each other's homes or offices, but gradually, as the Society grew, they required a home and a meeting place. The original minutes of their meetings had to be published in trade or other journals, but in 1892 they established their own monthly journal, which has continued until the present day. In 1890 His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, second son of Queen Victoria, became President. In 1893 the Duke of York, later King George V, became Vice-President, and in 1896 he acceded to the Presidency of the Society. The Royal

connection with the Society thus established in 1890, has continued up to the present time. No reigning King of Britain can be President of any society, but on King George V's accession in 1910, he became the Patron of the Society, and King Edward VIII and King George VI succeeded him in this position.

King George V, before his accession, was an extremely active Vice-President and President. He lent portions of his collections for display at meetings and exhibitions. He read papers before the Society and presided at their meetings on occasions, and after his accession he invariably lent one of his collections for the opening meeting in each philatelic season, which lasts from October till May, a practice which has been followed by his son King George VI.

In 1906 King Edward VII established the Society, London, as a Royal Society, and it is now the Royal Philatelic Society, London—a rather awkward title, but necessary to distinguish it from other societies with the same initials. Thus the Fellows of the Society put F.R.P.S.L. after their names. The members—and there are between 200 and 300 members—and the Fellows, who are limited to the first 400 in the list, are all strictly amateurs and the Articles provide that none but amateurs can be elected.

The original objects of the Society are somewhat different from those of the present day, though some of them are retained. Looking at the original aims we find the phrases: "To collect all possible information respecting stamps; the prevention of forgeries; the facilitating and spreading of the knowledge of philately; and the facilitating the acquisition and exchange of stamps among members." The first three are retained. The Society has no exchange club, and the new issue services of the present time make it unnecessary for the Society to have agents in foreign countries to send them stamps.

But they have gone a long way towards collecting all possible information respecting stamps. They have a library which today includes many thousands of volumes—everything, in fact, of reference value published in any part of the world and in any language, as well as the extreme rarities of early philatelic literature which are more of bibliophile interest than reference value. They have a very large reference collection, specialised in certain countries where past Fellows and members have left them their accumulations in their wills, and they have probably the most important collection in the world of photographs of reference value.

The collection of photographs has been gathered in a way which is envied by collectors of other precious things. Fifty-one years ago the Society formed an Expert Committee to assist their members, and any member and any outsider can submit stamps for opinion to the Society's Expert Committee. As stamps can so easily be sent through the post, collectors almost invariably send in specimens to the expert Committee for inspection, and

the result is that practically no piece of philatelic importance is submitted for sale unless it has been submitted to scrutiny by the Committee, or is later sent to them for verification. The stamps are photographed and duplicated on the certificate itself and in the record files of the Society, and as the Committee have dealt with over 30,000 of the rarest stamps up to the present time it will be appreciated that their reference material is unrivalled in the world.

The Society is the oldest of its kind in the world today, and admittedly the leading philatelic society of the world. Apart from the work of its Expert Committee, it publishes standard works on the latest philatelic research. It started its publication programme in 1879 with a work on "Spain and its Colonies," but ever since it has concentrated on handbooks, very largely on British Empire subjects. Apart from the fifty-four volumes of "The London Philatelist," the monthly journal of the Society, there are probably over a hundred volumes which the Society has published or sponsored, and their cachet on a work is a proof of its authority.

The Society for many years had to rent a room or rooms in which to meet and in which to house their library and reference material, but in 1925, with the assistance of their members, their friends and the trade, they purchased their present home at 41, Devonshire Place, where the whole of their activities are now centred. They hold fortnightly meetings at which papers are read and displays are given, and they hold periodical exhibitions, either in their own rooms or in public halls in London, which are designed for the specialist or the general public. In 1940, the Society proposed to hold a great International Exhibition to celebrate the centenary of the first postage stamp. This event was prevented by the 1939-1945 war, and the Society is at present trying to collaborate with the United States of America to make the celebration of the American centenary in 1947 as successful as possible in these times. No doubt the postponed exhibition of 1940 will be held in London at a fairly early date.

Envoy Not To Blame

London, Jan. 18. The Foreign Office today rejected Polish allegations that the British Ambassador, Victor Cavendish-Bentley, served as an information channel for the Polish underground.

A spokesman confirmed the delivery of a note to the Warsaw Government expressing full confidence in Mr. Cavendish-Bentley, and the Ambassador left London today to return to his post after consultation with the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin. The Ambassador was accompanied by A. M. Crawley, M.P.

The spokesman said the note "states that the Foreign Secretary is satisfied that Mr. Cavendish-Bentley has not been used as a channel of information with the P.O.U. underground."—United Press.

Dying Off Too Fast

Berlin, Jan. 18. Engesspieler reported today. Because people are dying faster than they can be cremated, hundreds of coffins are stacked in the city's crematorium, the American-licensed newspaper.

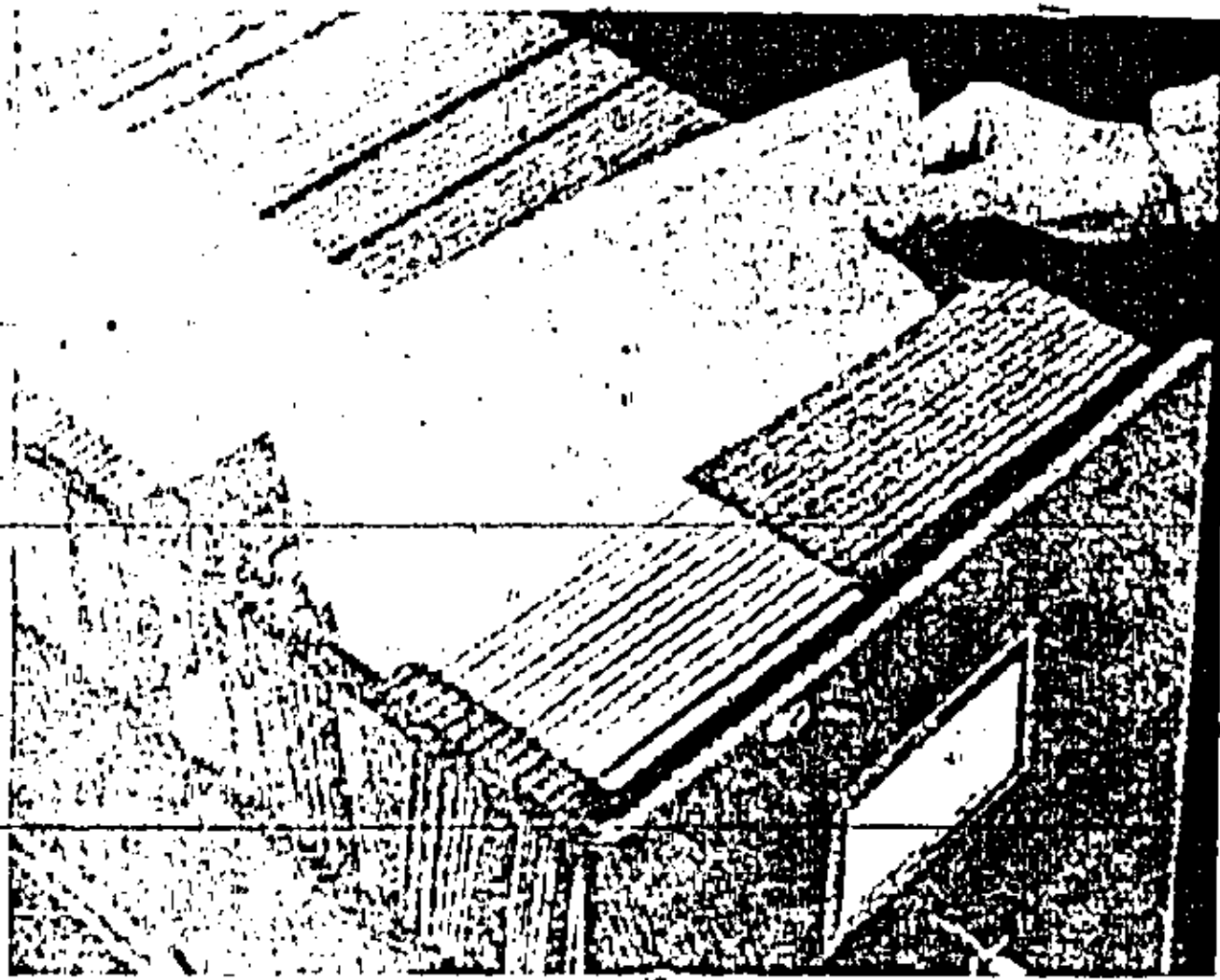
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BURMA CIVIL WAR THREAT

Battles Between Armed Bands And Police

Political Groups Fight For Power

Rangoon, Jan. 18. Civil war threatened in Burma today while members of the Governor's Executive Council negotiated in London for the country's independence.

Battles between so-called armed bands and Burmese police, supported by Army units, may flare-up and spread all over the country, authoritative quarters in Rangoon said today.

These sources said that unrest in Yamethin (Central Burma) and other districts, was really an armed struggle for power between rival Burmese political groups which might eventually plunge the whole country into turmoil.

The rumblings of civil strife had been heard also from the Arakan, in Western Burma, and from Pyawon in the Irrawaddy Delta area.

Senior Government officials said that "Dacoit gangs" were mainly armed bands of Communists belonging both to Thakin Sein's "Red Flag" party and Thakin Tan Tun's "Red Shirts."

These organisations were strong in Yamethin district, which was their stronghold for anti-Japanese activity during the occupation. They wanted to overthrow the present administration—dominated by the Anti-Fascist Peoples' Freedom League, which was now carrying out suppression.

Amnesty Ignored

U Mya, Member for Agriculture in the Executive Council and Acting Member for Home Affairs, stated: "The situation in Yamethin district is most critical. Reinforcements have been sent to military units operating in that area."

He said he believed that most of the troops in the area were Indian. An official announcement has accused "dacoits" of using trench mortars against the police and troops.

Last month crimes of violence in Burma totalled 1,300, including 172 cases of murder, 545 of robbery and 593 of "dacoity," it was announced here today.

While the situation in Cen-

Demands Met

London, Jan. 18. The preliminary stages of the British Cabinet discussions with the Burmese delegation were completed last week and except for the fixing of an actual date for Burma's independence it may be said that the British Government has already met the Burmese demands.

The original claim that Burma must obtain independence by January 31 was modified when Prime Minister Attlee impressed upon the delegation leader, U Aung San, that such an instantaneous break would be fatal to any prospect of an ordered Government in Burma.

The forthcoming week's discussions on Burma would concern details of the future course of action designed to give Burma complete independence within one year.

This week-end the Burmese delegation would be Attlee's guests at Chequers and talks with the Cabinet would be resumed on Monday.

The Prime Minister was said to have emphasised that the British Government was not impressed by the Burmese threats of direct action and that it could not be expected to "negotiate at the muzzle of a pistol."

Defence Question

Mr. Attlee further made it implicitly clear that Britain saw no objection to the early election of a Constituent Assembly in Burma with the right to claim complete independence.

Details to be discussed in the coming week would include the future defence of Burma. The troops in Burma at present were only partly British but mainly Indian. The Burmese delegation had expressed the desire to retain these Indian troops under the authority of a Burmese Government.

The British Government maintained, however, that such a proposition could not be entertained and insisted that an independent Burma must be responsible for its own defence with its own forces.—United Press.

Grain For Asia

Chicago, Jan. 18. Famine relief grain for Europe and Asia is pouring from the producing areas in a sharply increased volume.

Apart from the high price the Government is willing to pay, dealers described the movement to two factors:

Firstly producers are willing to sell now that the new income tax year has started; and Secondly the Government is telling producers it will see that wagons are available to move the grain.

Since the beginning of this week the wheat receipts at 12 principal interior terminals totalled 8,221,000 bushels, compared with 6,676,000 bushels in the preceding week.—Reuter.

MERSEY TUNNEL EXPLOSION

Liverpool, Jan. 18. Twelve persons were injured in an explosion at one of the main entrances to the Mersey River tunnel. The cause has not yet been ascertained.—United Press.

Soerkarno Defeated

Batavia, Jan. 18. The Working Committee of the Provisional Parliament of the Indonesian Republic has vetoed a decree by President Soerkarno increasing the number of seats in Parliament from 235 to 413, the Indonesian-controlled radio at Jogjakarta reported tonight.

The increase of seats would have strengthened the position of the Left Wing Parties.

This is the first time that an official body of the Republican Government of Java, Sumatra, and Madura, has defeated a measure taken by Dr. Soerkarno.

Following rejection of the decree by ten votes to one the Working Committee decided to propose a bill cancelling the decree and to draw up a new proposal for the satisfactory allocation of seats.—Reuter.

British Evidence Against Albania

New York, Jan. 19. The British Government disclosed today that it would present to the United Nations Security Council a contention that mines were sown a mile off the coast of Albania within the last eight months.

Egypt Fishes For Sympathy

Washington, Jan. 18. Hassan Pasha, Egyptian Ambassador to the United States, yesterday called on Mr. Dean Acheson, United States Under-Secretary of State, to express concern over the "campaign of outside interference" in the affairs of the Nile Valley.

After a 30-minute talk with Mr. Acheson, the Ambassador told reporters: "It has been stated that the Sudanese want to secede from the Egyptians and it is further charged that Egypt stands in the way of self-government for the Sudanese."

"Overlooking the fact that the British are not legally entitled to speak for the Sudanese, these statements do not coincide with realities. No one is more heartily in favour of self-government for the Sudanese than the Egyptian people."

"That expresses the true feelings of the people of Egypt, who consider that the peoples of Egypt and the Sudan are too closely allied, naturally, strategically, economically, culturally and in religion to permit others to sow the seeds of dissension."—Reuter.

SOVIET ATTACK ON VATICAN

Moscow, Jan. 18. The New Times today claimed that "post-war efforts of the Vatican are directed at saving a maximum number of prominent Fascists and white-washing those cardinals, bishops and priests who

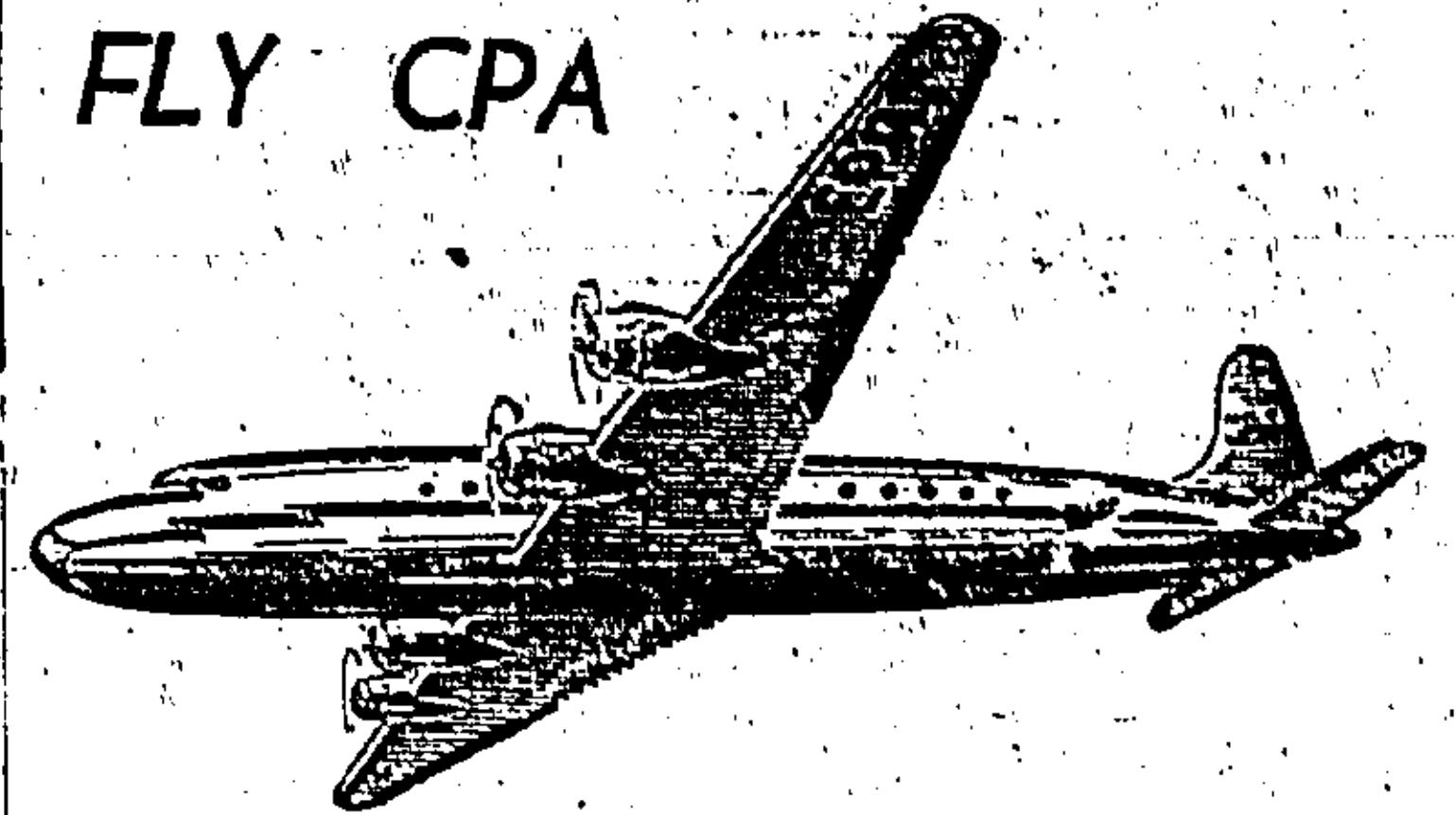
Princess Should Marry

London, Jan. 19. Thousands of Princess Elizabeth's future subjects, registering their sentiments through an unprecedented newspaper poll, yesterday defended her right to marry the man of her choice, Prince Philip of Greece, if all but official rumours can be believed.

In a final report of its two week public opinion sampling, which brought "thousands upon thousands of letters from all classes," the Sunday Pictorial said that 64 per cent now favour Princess Elizabeth's marrying the Greek Prince, compared with 55 per cent at the end of the poll's first week.

Those opposing the marriage dropped from 40 per cent to 32 per cent, while four per cent—compared with five per cent last week—have no objection to the marriage but believe the Princess, if she marries Prince Philip, should not succeed to the British throne.—Associated Press.

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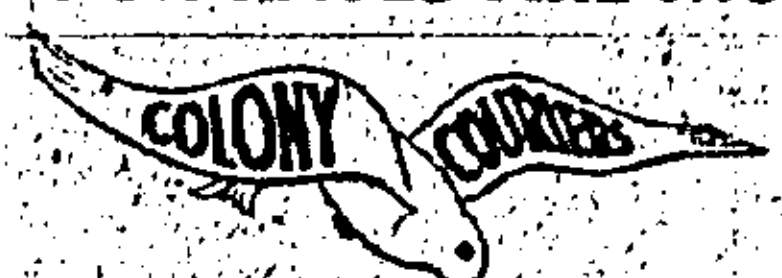
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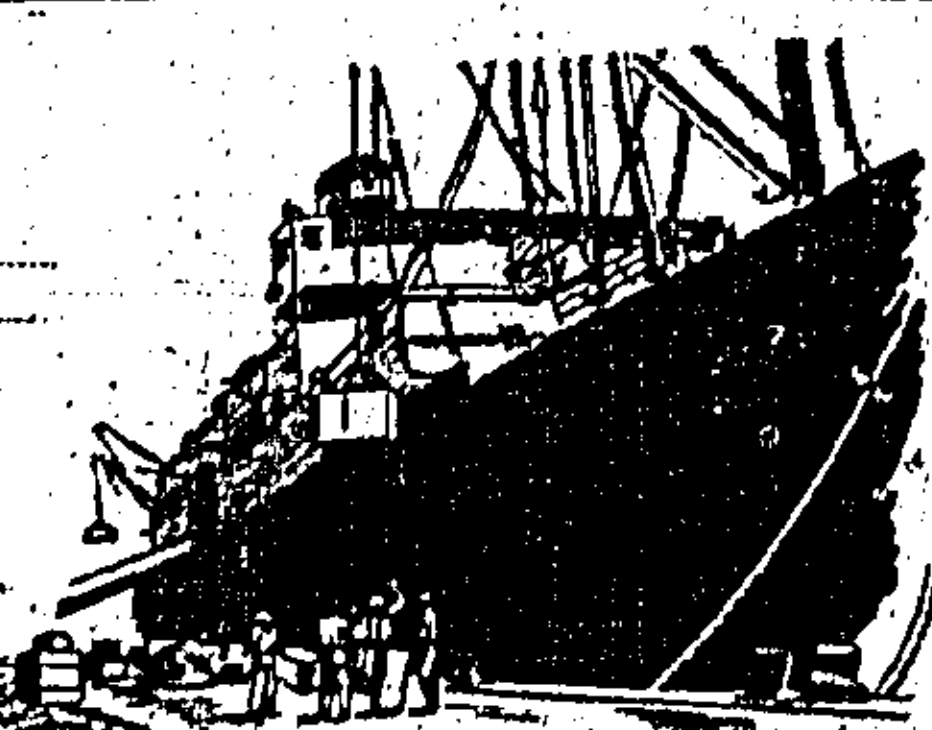
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RUSSIA WORRIED OVER ANGLO-U.S. AGREEMENT

Moscow, Jan. 19. Brewing apprehension was noticeable here this week over a supposed trend towards militarism in the United States and the existence of a secret agreement between the General Staffs of Britain and the United States.

Some observers held that Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery's efforts to explain away Anglo-American cooperation had merely added to that apprehension.

Others held that the unbusiness which found expression in the newspapers might actually be in the interests of closer cooperation between Britain and the Soviet Union.

The official Communist Party organ Pravda took occasion this week to remind the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, that Britain still had a pact with Russia and stated flatly that he had repudiated this. This was taken in some quarters to mean that Russia was anxious that the pact should be lived up to and that its possibilities leading to closer cooperation should be explored.

Several times during the past week commentators referred to Britain's dependency on the United States, likewise citing reports of a secret agreement between the Chiefs of Staff.

"Subservient"

More Russian opinion on Britain's alleged subservience to the United States was expressed in the Government news paper Izvestia yesterday in a discussion on Britain's role in the Far East and differences between the two countries over Japan.

The commentator said that British recognition of the United States—dominating—role in the Far East was an expression of a foreign policy line characterized by a tendency towards an alliance with America for "dividing the world and achieving Anglo-American domination."

Speaking on differences over Japan and British criticism of the United States, the writer said that "contradictions between Britain and the United States are a reflection of all the complications and contradictions in the post-war position of Britain which is fighting for a decent place under the sun but which is simultaneously subordinating its policy more and more to the interests of the United States and the will of its leaders."—Associated Press.

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BREAD RATIONED IN EIRE

Dublin, Jan. 18. Bread rationing began in Eire today. Each person will be allowed either six pounds of bread or four and a half pounds of flour for the next 26 weeks, after which the position will be revised.

Bread rationing in Britain and Northern Ireland began last July and the individual weekly basic ration is three pounds fifteen ounces—thirteen pence.

MORE SOVIET CHARGES

Moscow, Jan. 18. The New Times magazine, in a leading article today, said the British and Americans were "directly interfering" in Poland's internal affairs in an effort to redraw Poland's western frontier. The article said: "It is well remembered that the Soviet Union considers the western frontiers of Poland permanent. The Polish people know who are its enemies and its friend." It said the accusations of unfair elections were not justified and "it is characteristic that the new American note does not mention a single fact or a concrete example which could confirm them."—United Press.

N.Y. COTTON

New York, Jan. 18. Cotton futures following a strong opening turned weak and dropped more than 2.50 a bale. There was a definite lack of buying interest. Futures closed 2.50 to 2.50 lower. March 30.45-40, May 29.25, July 28.60-50, Oct. 25.25 nominal, Dec. 24.25 nominal, March 24.45 nominal, Middle, spot 21.40 nominal off 67.—Associated Press.

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China Claims Paracels

Paris, Jan. 18. China today officially claimed the Paracel Islands in the South China Sea, east of Annam, which were recently occupied by Chinese troops and which the French Government claims as part of Indo-China.

The claim was made in a statement issued by the Chinese Embassy here which said that the islands have been under Chinese sovereignty from the remotest past and have always been administered as part of the Chinese province of Kwangtung.

The statement added that the Chinese and French Governments exchanged notes on the status of the islands between 1932 and 1933 and that the Chinese Government never ceased to claim absolute right to the islands. "China never consented to the occupation of the islands by France in the name of the Emperor of Annam, in 1933," the statement said.—Reuter.

Irish Isle Cut Off

Cork, Jan. 18. Cut off from the mainland for over ten days by successive gales, the inhabitants of Dursey Island, off the west Cork coast near Bantry Bay, are now suffering from critical shortages of various commodities, notably flour and tobacco.

It is the longest period of isolation in living memory for the thirty families on the island. The previous two ferry crossings from the mainland were made only with great difficulty, only mails and light goods being conveyed.

The Irish steamer from Rosslare has succeeded in relieving the Tuscara Rock Lighthouse, which is overdue, but at Bull Rock Lighthouse in the west Cork district, the keeper is now in his 13th week on the rock. The last relief supplies reached him more than a month ago.

The relief of the Fastnet and other lighthouses along the Cork and Kerry coasts, is all long overdue and in most cases the keepers are living on Irish rations.—Reuter.

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m.v. "BALI"	25th Jan.	New York via Honolulu
s.s. "LUZON"	1st Feb.	Manila & Cebu
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ARRIVALS FROM

"POYANG"	Bangkok & Saigon 20th Jan.
"SHANTUNG"	Swatow 21st Jan.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai 21st Jan.
"NANCHANG"	Kwongchowwan 22nd Jan.
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"TAIPING"	4th Feb. Australia via Kure.
Sailing	For
"YOCOW"	20th Jan. Sydney, Melbourne.

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Big Market For Goods In America

SOVIET BUYING IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, Jan. 19.
The "Free Press" market correspondent reported that local dealers purchased 6,000 tons of rubber for account of the Soviet Union and are seeking another 4,000.
The Soviet trade representative in Singapore to study the market situation of Malaya and to investigate the possibilities of future trade between Malaya and Russia.—Associated Press.

N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Jan. 18.
Heavy early buying on the stock exchange followed the restoration of margin trading and despite the subsequent profit-taking the market leaders finished a spotty week generally on the up-side.

Extreme advances of two or more points were registered in the majority of cases at the close.
Ralls were exceptionally narrow.
Brokerage quarters were cheered by Federal Reserve Board action but the profit-taking was expressed that the return to the 26 per cent margin effective Feb. 1 still would leave the market in a relatively thin shape. Transactions have been on a cash basis almost a year.

It was suggested—the Reserve Board action was an indication the inflation peak may have passed and henceforth securities might have to contend with certain amounts of deflation psychology.
Sales totaled 700,000 shares.
Dow Jones Averages:
Stocks 63.36, 30 Industrials 115.92, 34 Rails 40.07, 10 Utilities 25.75.

Chemical quotations:
Adams Express 15 1/2, Alaska Juneau 5 1/2, American Can 10, American Smelting 17, American Telephone 17 1/2, American Tobacco 34 1/2, American Waterworks 16 1/2, Anaconda 38 1/2, Aviation Corporation 6 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 20 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 31 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 12 1/2, J. I. Case 34, Chrysler 10 1/2, Colgate 10 1/2, Commercial Union 2 1/2, Corn Products 29, Dupont 18 1/2, Electric Light & Power 16 1/2, General Electric 37 1/2, General Motors 60 1/2, Goodrich 6 1/2, Goodyear 5 1/2, International Harvester 27 1/2, International Paper 46, International Tel. & Tel. 15, Johns Manville 12 1/2, Kennecott Copper 47 1/2, Montgomery Ward 58 1/2, National Distillers 12 1/2, National Lead 32 1/2, New York Central 10 1/2, Packard Motor 6 1/2, Pan American Airways 12 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 25 1/2, Radio Corporation 9 1/2, Real Silk 16, Republic Steel 27 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 42 1/2, Sears Roebuck 30 1/2, Shell Oil 29 1/2, Sweeney Vacuum 14 1/2, Southern Pacific 42 1/2, Standard Brands 35 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 67, Standard Oil of Ind. 68, Standard Oil of N.Y. 68, Standard Oil of Ohio 68, Union Carbide 31 1/2, U.S. Steel 71 1/2, Westinghouse 24 1/2, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 65 1/2, Greyhound 34 1/2.—Associated Press.

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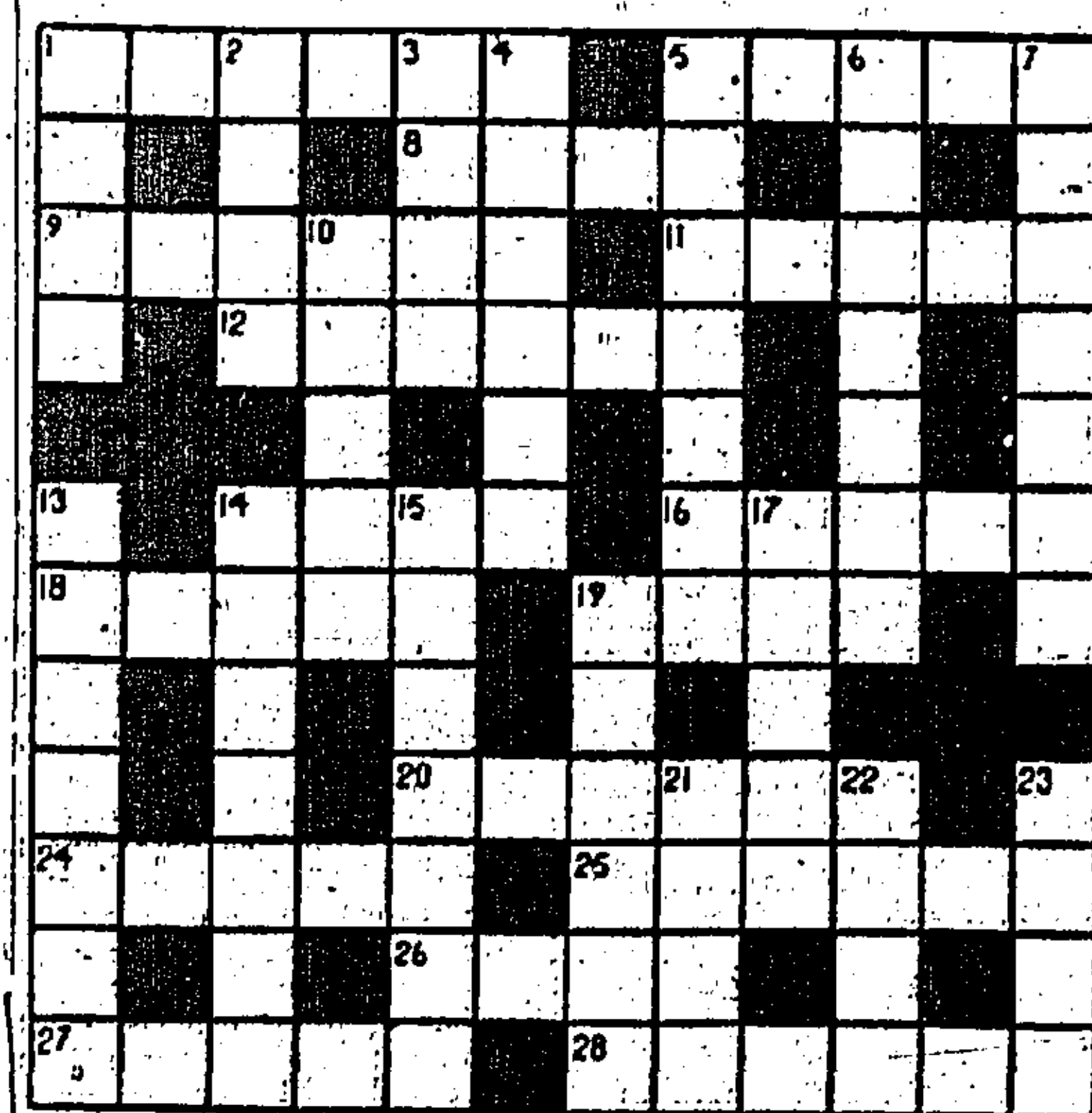
London, Jan. 18.
Silver, Spot, per fine oz. 65 1/2, forward per fine oz. 65 1/2, Bar Gold, Fine, on 172/3, London free market Silver per ounce 61 1/2.—Reuter.

Bombay, Jan. 18.
Silver, Ready 152 Rupees, 15 Annas per 100 rupees, Forward (Mar. 7 settlement) 152, 15 1/2, Gold, Delivery 165, 99 per 100, Forward 28, 94, Sovereigns 67, 44 each.—Reuter.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 18.
Sovereigns, buyers 50.50, sellers 50.50; U.S. \$20 Eagle, buyers 115.50, sellers 112.50; Gold, Bar per gramme, buyers 5.30, sellers 5.30.—Reuter.

Zurich, Jan. 18.
Zurich on London 17.35, New York 4.85, Paris 3.82 1/2, Brussels 5.87 1/2, Amsterdam 162.80, Lisbon 14.75, Buenos Aires 104.00, Stockholm 119.62, Madrid 37.75.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1. Old-fashion- ed rifle.
2. Slender.
3. Almost extant.
4. Tea-shop.
5. Intentional disregard.
6. Proposed for discussion.
7. Gals.
8. Unusual.
9. 18. Sliver.
10. 19. Shivering.
11. 20. Sets in the ground.
12. 21. Impel.
13. 22. Sediment.
14. 23. Not heavy.
15. 24. Accompany.

Saturday's Crossword

- ACROSS:—1. Crass; 4. Stupor; 8. Porter; 10. Amass; 12. German; 14. Relieve; 17. Duce; 19. Evict; 20. Respire; 22. Once; 23. Snapped; 27. Allego; 28. Pulse; 30. Ermine; 31. Desist; 32. Event.
- DOWN:—Coper; 2. April; 3. Lens.

Washington, Jan. 19.
Indicative of the great market for nearly all goods, including imports, in the United States are estimates of the Department of Commerce that Americans spent on goods and services during the year a total of \$127,000,000,000. The Commerce Department's estimate is \$21,000,000,000 greater than the total consumer spending in 1945, and is equal to \$900 per person.

Higher prices were responsible in part for the large increase over spending in previous years. The Department estimated that in 1946 averaged 10 per cent higher than in 1945, and more than 40 per cent higher than prices in 1941.

There also was a larger volume of goods, however, as a result of production from factories which during the war were making munitions and other supplies for the armed services. Spending on non-durable goods—such as food, clothing, tobacco, gasoline, and other disposable articles—totalled about \$77,000,000,000 during 1945, a rise of

POST OFFICE NOTICES

Outward Mails

CHINESE-NEW-YEAR-HOLIDAYS

On Wednesday, January 22, 1947, the General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

On Thursday, January 23, 1947, the General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for all business, and the other Branch Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for sale of stamps only.

There will be one delivery of Ordinary correspondence on 10 a.m. and one on 10 a.m. on the 22nd and 23rd of January, 1947.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below:

MONDAY, JAN. 20

Airmail for Manila (By Air) (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.
Bangkok (By Sea) 10 a.m.
Hankow (By Sea) 10 a.m.
Swatow (By Sea) 10 a.m.
Straits (By Sea) Noon.
Hankow and Peking (By Sea) Noon.
Shanghai (By Sea) 2 p.m.
Airmail for Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Sydney, Auckland and London (By Air) (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai (By Air) (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi (By Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (By Train) 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21

Shanghai (By Sea) 10 a.m.
Swatow (By Sea) 10 a.m.
Manila (By Sea) Noon.
Hankow (By Sea) 2 p.m.
U.S.A. Central and South American and Canada via San Francisco (By Sea) (Par. and Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Calcutta, Delhi, Johannesburg and Cairo (By Air) (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Chungking (direct) (By Air) (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Canton, Luchow and Kunming (By Air) (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking (By Air) (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi (By Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (By Train) 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

Canton (By Train) 10 a.m.

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Airmail for Canton and Foochow (By Air) (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Durable Goods

The expenditure for durable goods—furniture, household appliances, automobiles, jewelry and other lasting articles—was estimated at \$14,000,000,000, an increase of 80 per cent from 1945 and an increase of 50 per cent from 1941.

Spending on durable goods would have risen an additional \$4,000,000,000 had automobiles been available. The Department estimated. Spending for automobiles in 1946, despite their scarcity, totalled \$2,500,000,000 more than in 1945.

American spending for services such as housing, medical care and recreation increased more than 10 per cent above 1945 to a total of \$37,000,000,000, the Department's estimate showed.

Services, aside from the hiring of domestic servants, required 10 per cent more money during 1946 than in 1945.—Associated Press.

New York Exchanges

New York, Jan. 18.

American A/C Sterling 4.92 1/2, 4.93, 4.92 1/2, 4.93 1/2, On Sweden 27.81 1/2, 27.83 1/2, France 34, 34 1/2, Switzerland (Official) 24.00, 24.25, Switzerland (Free) 25.00, 25.50, Spain 5.25 offered, Portugal 24.00 offered, Brazil 5.44 offered, Bolivia (Official) 2.25, Bolivia (Free) 2.28, Chile (Official) 5.16, Chile (Free) 5.00, 4.90, 4.80, India 20.25, Colombia 27.14, 4.04, Australia 4.25, New Zealand 3.24, Cuba 100, Ecuador 7.60, Guatemala 100, Holland 27.80, Mexico 20.00, Peru 15.50 offered, Uruguay 30.25, Venezuela 20.30, Netherlands West Indies 63.05, Dutch Guiana 53.85, Montreal on London 4.02, Montreal on New York 55.10, Swiss Bank Note 25.50, 25.50, Belgium Franc 228 offered, Pound Note 229, 225.—Reuter.

PRICES TO RISE?

Detroit, Jan. 18.
Walter Reuther, President of the CIO United Auto Workers Union, said today UAW economists predicted that all prices except food would continue to rise. He said the union would continue to press its fight for a 23 and one-half per cent hourly wage increase.

Reuther said the portal-to-portal pay suits now before the courts have nothing to do with wages, and regardless of their disposition the UAW would continue its 1947 wage campaign.—United Press.

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London, Jan. 18.

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Bank of England clearing rates: Madrid 44.00, Italy 71.25.

Free market rates: India 17.04, 18.24, Australia 125, 123.50, New Zealand 124.57, 124, South Africa 100, 100.50, Zuluana 124, 130, Alexandria 57.27, 57.625, Singapore 24/1/1/4, 24/1/4, Hongkong 1/2-1/2-1/2, 1/2-1/2-1/2, Philippines 8.10, 8.15, Rangoon 1/5-1/5, 1/4-1/4, Shanghai unquoted.

Special A/C Rates: Lima 26.16, 26.16, Midweek 27.87, Venezuela 100.62, 101.36, Turkey 112.40, 113.69, Uruguay 7.15, 7.20.

Central American A/C rates: Mexico 19.45, 19.65, Bogota 7.00, 7.08.—Reuter.

London Money Mart

London, Jan. 18.

It has been a difficult week in Lombard Street and on two occasions a shortage of credit has necessitated the market calling for some measure of resistance from the authorities.

The Bank of England clearing banks calling in money which is somewhat unusual at this time of the year.

During the week, the banks were still buyers of March bills. The contraction of £15,785,000 in bankers' balances to £288,704,000 in the latest Bank of England weekly return suggests that more institutions have succeeded in getting nearer to the agreed reduced basic eight per cent ration than at the end of December.

When the average deposits cover varied between 8 1/2 to 8 per cent.

The bank return also revealed a further contraction of £16,500,000 in notes in circulation, making the total return in notes issued on the Christmas peak £42,750,000.

This represents 66 per cent of the pre-holiday increase now returned to the bank.

This reflux of currency has so far been more rapid than a year ago and within the next fortnight, it will be finally made clear whether or not the Christmas expansion was in some measure due to non-seasonal factors.

The return also shows that the expansion of £16,500,000 in banks' reserve to £465,000,000 resulting from the note influx found little in the credit base which showed but a modest decline on the week.

Applications for £170,000,000 Treasury bills totalled £273,365,000, of which £165,000,000 were allotted, with the market receiving about 51 per cent of its applications.—Reuter.

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Sporting Page



Wolves Not Worried By Their Defeat

Leadership of the major football leagues underwent no changes as a result of today's games, despite the fact that two of the four leaders, both Wolverhampton, Division One, and Doncaster, Division Three, Northern, had a big enough margin over their nearest rivals to make the defeat not too serious.

In Division One only Preston, who shared points, avoided defeat among the first five clubs, so Wolverhampton still have three points advantage from Preston. Doncaster, too, hold three points lead from Rotherham, whose success allowed them to go ahead of Chester who only drew.

The winning leaders, who, in fact, increased their advantage owing to the failure of the challengers, Burnley, only drew and now share second place with Newcastle, whose win by Shackleton's goal was watched by the biggest crowd—65,000.

Birmingham's reverse cost them their place among the first three. Cardiff continue to be one of the country's outstanding teams, playing football worthy of a higher division and were among the day's biggest scorers, chiefly through Allen's hat-trick.

Turning to the other end of the scale, none of the lowest teams got away from the bottom, even though some of them won, but their arrears are too great, though these victories helped to bridge the gap.

Arsenal Humbled
Leeds, at the bottom of the division, beat Chelsea, though Lawton got his usual goal for the Londoners. Arsenal, rivals to Chelsea in the still undecided Cup tie, also showed leg-weariness at home where, before 61,000, Aston Villa got a well-deserved success.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wolves	20	17	3	0	61	32	35
Preston N.E.	25	14	6	5	51	36	31
Manchester U.	21	13	7	1	53	33	31
Blackpool	25	13	6	6	54	35	30
Liverpool	25	13	4	8	54	30	30
Sheff. U.	25	12	10	3	43	30	30
Sheff. W.	25	12	9	4	46	29	29
Adm. Vln.	26	12	9	5	39	29	29
Derby County	24	11	11	2	41	27	27
Grimsby Town	26	8	9	9	43	43	25
Sunderland	25	8	12	4	41	25	25
Chelsea	25	8	11	6	45	26	25
Arsenal	26	8	12	6	43	42	25
Everton	26	8	12	6	43	42	25
Bolton W.	26	7	12	7	47	47	24
Blackburn R.	25	7	12	6	41	45	24
Reading	25	6	12	8	36	55	20
Portsmouth	23	8	12	3	32	30	19
Charlton A.	25	7	13	5	37	48	19
Huddersfield	26	7	14	5	34	56	18
Leeds United	26	6	16	4	36	52	16

Ordered Off
A red card was shown to a player in their game against Falkirk, when Dawson Falkirk's winger, had the referee's marching orders.

A goal in each half gave the home side a victory. Generally grounds were heavy, but conditions otherwise were Spring-like and big crowds watched most games. Fifty thousand saw Rangers win with a first-half goal from Wadell, but they are still only three points ahead in the League as Hibernian scored a spectacular away success, considerably helped by Turnbull's hat-trick.—*Reuter*.

Queensland Face Defeat
Brisbane, Jan. 18.
As a result of splendid bowling by Tries and Miller, Queensland are facing defeat in the Sheffield Shield game against Victoria here.

They were dismissed in the first innings for 235, then lost two second innings wickets for 100 in reply to Victoria's first innings score of 305. Queensland's last man out in the Victoria innings, being caught when exactly 200, only Harrigan (58), McCall (36), Rayner (29 not out) made any sort of stand in Queensland's first innings in which Miller took three wickets for 21 and Tries three for 83. Free and Tries have each taken one of the second innings wickets.—*Reuter*.

Pirates Buy Greenberg
Pittsburgh, Jan. 18.
The Pirates President, Frank McKinney, today announced that he had purchased Hank Greenberg from Detroit Tigers for an undisclosed but "substantial" sum. Greenberg reportedly received \$50,000 salary and bonuses last season. Greenberg has not yet signed the Pirate contract but is expected to sign it before the start of the season.

TENNIS RANKINGS
New York, Jan. 19.
The United States Lawn Tennis Association has placed Ted Schroeder second on the 1946 ranking list and dropped Frankie Parker to third.

Previously, Schroeder was not graded among the 1946 rankings which list Jack Kramer as first. The rankings were revised after Schroeder won the two singles matches and paired off with Kramer to win the doubles as the Americans regained the Davis Cup from Australia.—*Associated Press*.

A CORRECTION
Reuters have cabled a correction to the result of the Scottish Division "A" match between Rangers and Aberdeen. The correct result was: Rangers 1, Aberdeen 0.

INTERPORT SOCCER TEAM DELAYED

The Shanghai Interport soccer team did not arrive on Saturday as was expected and it was learned from the Football Association on Saturday afternoon that the team would be leaving Shanghai yesterday morning by sea, "Shengking" and would arrive on Tuesday evening or at latest on Wednesday morning. It is now understood that the team will be here on Wednesday in time for the Interport game. The original arrangements were for Shanghai to arrive by plane on Saturday.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHTS

New York, Jan. 18.
Mike Jacobs is slowly recovering from the cerebral hemorrhage he suffered on Dec. 3 and felt strong enough today to announce through his lawyer that he will stage three world championship fights at the Yankee Stadium this summer by "remote control" for the heavyweight, middleweight and welterweight titles but declined to name the challengers.

The Garden's outdoor programme is expected to find Joe Louis opposed to the "pick of the field" but with Tami Mauriello and Billy Conn was up it is not impossible that Jacobs will bring a challenger from overseas.

Tony Zale, king of the middleweights, is already booked to defend his title indoors at the Garden on March 21 against Rocky Graziano. Apparently he will participate in the Stadium open air fight also if he survives the return battle with Graziano.

The new welterweight champion, Ray "Sugar" Robinson, has five or more able challengers. Just to keep fans guessing, Jacobs, through his lawyer, promised a "very great surprise" for Ray.—*United Press*.

Fine Kicking
Their best player was perhaps the forward Ossie Williams. For England, half backs getting the winning goal, was outstanding for his defensive kicking. England took the lead in the eighth minute when the forward White got over, Gray converting.

Sing Tao Defeat 42 Cdo

Sing Tao had to go all out for their victory against 42 Commando by two goals. Both goals were scored in the first half.

There is no doubt that Sing Tao thoroughly reserved their strength for the better side. Commandos put up a gallant fight and fully extended their opponents.

The score would have been greater had it not been for the brilliant goalkeeping of Powell, who saved numerous "sure" goals.

Yu Lu-tak, Sing Tao custodian, was also in form and gave a really good account of himself. Han Yung-sang and Lau Ting-sang, who were given marching orders for some robust play on the part of the soldiers, the game was interesting and exciting.

Teams:— Sing Tao:—Yu Lu-tak; Han Yung-sang and Lau Ting-sang; Lau Chung-sang, Hsu King-sing and Fung Kwai-sing; Ho King-fan, Tang Yu-kil, Chang Kam-hoi, Lai Shui-wing and Tsao Chai-ting. 42 Commando:—Powell; Butcher and Abram; Inglis, Pitman and Murray, Anderson, Cummer, Waughman, Walters and Ford.

Sing Tao v. H.Q. Land Forces
In a Second Division game, Hong Kong Land Forces lost to Sing Tao by two goals to one in an even game.

Sing Tao found the ground on the slippery side and being light were thrown off their feet time and again by the first time tackling of the soldiers.

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

First Division	
Eastern St. Joseph's	1 Royal Air Force 2
Sing Tao	3 Chinese Amateurs 0
Second Division	
South China	4 44 Commandos 2
Chinese Cadets	4 Duckyard 3
Shanghai	3 R.A.M.C. 1
Sing Tao	2 H.Q. Land Force 1

ended, Yu Lu-tak made a brilliant save when a goal looked certain. Except for an unfortunate incident when Chang Kam-hoi was given marching orders and for some robust play on the part of the soldiers, the game was interesting and exciting.

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42 Commando:—Powell; Butcher and Abram; Inglis, Pitman and Murray, Anderson, Cummer, Waughman, Walters and Ford.

CHINA'S NEW CONSTITUTION DISTURBING
New York, Jan. 19.
The "New York Herald-Tribune" in an editorial said today that preliminary translation of China's new constitution confirms reports that preparation of the document was strongly influenced by liberal officials who really believed in democracy.

There are several articles in the constitution, however, which are disturbing, the editorial added. The President of China is given extraordinary powers. His powers are so great that a President might make himself absolute ruler without serious infringement of the constitution if he could control the few key officials.

One useful article to such a president would be Article 43 of Chapter 4. It grants the president the right to issue emergency decrees in times of crisis provided that he is authorized to do so by the Executive Yuan Council and subject to later confirmation by the Executive Yuan. Since China has been going through a series of emergencies for more than 100 years this grant of authority is no small one!

Big Four Goodwill Threatened

London, Jan. 19.
The Big Four goodwill that grew in the latter stages of the New York Foreign Ministers meeting appears to be threatened by wide disagreement over the problems of Germany. Disagreement was pointed up as the Ministers' deputies met here this week to begin shaping up the peace treaties for Germany and Austria.

The deputies' primary assignment is to examine disputes and report on agreements enabling the Ministers to get directly to the heart of the issues when they meet in Moscow in March.

United States State Department officials said they had heard "rumours" that Russia might propose an immediate withdrawal of all four occupation forces in Germany.

The reports were entirely without confirmation, but were not discounted by the American diplomats. They said they had unverified reports from Germany that Russia might spring an evacuation proposal as a surprise during the deputies conference.

Polish Border
The officials said if the suggestion was made, they presumed that it would have the effect of boosting Russian prestige among Germans but that other occupation powers were not likely to adopt the idea. A Soviet Embassy official said it never heard of such a proposal.

The question of the German-Polish border was a danger, and Pravda in Moscow vigorously supported Polish claims to 40,000 square miles of rich territory reaching to the Oder-Neisse on Poland's western frontier.

The United States was reported ready to fight hard to have the area or part of it recognised as German again.

Saar Issue
The entire issue was regarded as so controversial that no measure of agreement was likely to be discovered among the deputies. Other areas of disagreement include the French demands in connection with the Saar, and Yugoslav claims for 100 square miles of the Austrian provinces of Carinthia and Styria.—*Associated Press*.

ANYONE WANT A CASTLE?

Dublin, Jan. 19.
When the family of Lord Gort, the premier Irish Viscount who was reported missing and presumed dead in the war, offered Gormston Castle in County Meath for sale at auction, no one offered to buy it.—*Associated Press*.

Fun While It Lasted

London, Jan. 19.
More than 35,000 truck drivers and dock workers involved in London's transport strike resumed work yesterday and the Government withdrew troops from "Operations Eatable", the transport of food to shops drained of supplies during the nearly two weeks' old unofficial walkout.

Supplies were being hurried through Covent Garden, Billingsgate, Spitalfields, and Borough markets, strike-bound for five days by sympathy walkouts protesting against the use of troops to supplant the strikers.

More than 20,000 dockers, elevators and Thames lighters were among those in the back-to-work movement yesterday and there was a possibility that many of them would work today to speed the unloading of more than 100 ships immobilised when port workers joined the sympathy strike.

Army units, moved to London last weekend, struck camp at Clapham Common and one Guardsman observed that "by tomorrow this should all be away", adding "it seems a pity—all this for one week—but still, it was fun while it lasted!"—*Associated Press*.

No Meat
London, Jan. 18.
No meat left Smithfield market today although 800 drivers returned to work after the end of the year haulage workers' strike. There was no meat hanging in the market and the 1,600 meat shopmen did not come in to work.

The shopmen claimed that "although we announced that we would be available for work today, our employers have told us that our services are not required until Monday."

A spokesman for the meat transportation organisation, however, said that "heavy lorries at Smithfield are to be loaded with meat from cold storage depots, ready to be rushed to the market the first thing on Monday morning."

"We can expect everything to be in order on Monday!"—*Reuter*.

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1450 p.m.—London Relay: News.
1500 p.m.—Chorus of Colour.
1510 p.m.—London Relay: "Navy March."
1520 p.m.—"Something for Everybody."
1530 p.m.—Close Down.

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